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Archer makes apology to his wife

Deepest regret over shares affair is 'needless embarrassment caused to her'

By George Sivell and Jill Sherman

LORD Archer publicly apologised to his wife yesterday for embarrassing her over his part in the sale of shares in Anglia Television of which she is a director.

In a statement issued by Lord Mishcon, his lawyer, he said that he had made a "grave error" in allowing his name to be linked with the sale. It was with "deepest regret" that he had caused needless embarrassment to his wife.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, announced last month that no action would be taken against the peer after an inquiry by his department. *The Times* had revealed the DTI was inquiring into Lord Archer's involvement in share dealings in Anglia Television just before the MAI's near £300 million takeover bid was launched last January. Twelve days later John Major announced a cabinet reshuffle in which Lord Archer had been expected to be offered a senior post.

Last weekend *The Sunday Times* alleged that Lord Archer had placed orders for 50,000 shares in Anglia Television in the name of a Kurdish associate, Broosk Saib. The newspaper said that a cheque for the £80,000 profit on the share dealings, made payable to Mr Saib, was sent to Lord Archer's address.

Labour then called for a fresh inquiry. Robin Cook, Shadow trade and industry secretary, asked Mr Heseltine to refer the case to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Yesterday's statement by Lord Archer's lawyers said: "There have been no new facts mentioned by the media which were not known to and which had not been investigated by the inspectors in the course of their very full inquiry.

"The DTI who had the inspectors' report before them have stated in their decision that they have taken independent legal advice and have decided that no further action be taken against anyone involved in the inquiry.

"They can accordingly be taken to have concluded, as Lord Archer has maintained throughout, that this transaction was not carried out with the benefit of any insider information.

"He realises however that it was a grave error when his wife was a director of Anglia to have allowed his name to be associated with the purchase and sale of shares in that company on behalf of a third party (and from which he in no way benefited) and indeed his deepest regret is the embarrassment needlessly caused to Lady Archer in this matter."

Newspapers have said that the 54-year-old novelist and former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, who is currently abroad promoting his latest book, had abandoned all political ambitions because of the controversy surrounding the share purchases.

Even before the reshuffle was announced he made clear to his colleagues that he would spend less time on the "rubber chicken circuit" if he failed to get the party chairmanship or a top Cabinet job.

However Lord Archer's office swiftly denied reports that he intended to give up his political career and concentrate on boosting his fortune as a novelist.

Archer: admits "grave error" over share deal

ENRIQUE VALENTIN

A group of Cuban refugees, their inner-tube rafts tied together for the 90-mile journey to America, wave to a US Coast Guard helicopter patrolling over the Florida Straits

Cuban exodus forces US to expand camp at naval base

From Ian Brodie in Washington

CUBANS continued to flee their homeland in record numbers yesterday bringing the total picked up in 24 hours to well over 3,000. The number on Tuesday alone almost matched the 3,656 picked up in all of 1993.

The exodus of Cubans has expanded steadily in recent days despite an American policy shift under which all Cuban refugees are taken to the US naval base at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba.

The Clinton Administration announced yesterday that the Guantánamo camp is to be expanded to hold 40,000 refugees by the end of next week and perhaps more later. In making the announcement the government brushed aside a Cuban offer of talks on the refugee issue.

Fernando Remirez, the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations, said his country was ready to discuss the exodus with Washington but only as part of negotiations on all outstanding issues between the two countries.

Peter Tarnoff, under Secretary of State, quickly dismissed the idea of high-level talks with President Castro's government. Asked what inducement there might be for Dr Castro to stop the flow of boat people, Mr Tarnoff replied: "It should be that he has once again demonstrated that the people who have been born and brought up under his regime are willing to risk their lives to leave."

Janet Reno, US Attorney-General, reiterated that those taken to Guantánamo have no chance of reaching American shores. "Some people feel if you get to Guantánamo you'll get into the United States," she said. "That is not so. Do not risk your lives." Miss Reno, who is from Florida, appealed to Miami's Cuban-American community to pass along the message to relatives in Cuba.

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Uranium raid on 'secret city'

One of Russia's "secret cities" has admitted that its security was seriously breached this week when two civilians stole and then attempted to smuggle out a large consignment of low-grade uranium.

Arzamas-16, the country's top military nuclear complex, was apparently targeted by two men arrested on Sunday with 21lb of non-weapons grade uranium 238.

"As far as I am aware this is the first incident of its kind that we have had here," said Valentin Mamyshev, the city's acting Mayor, who dismissed calls for a tightening of security .... Page 8

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Star-rated GCSE could be passport to top universities

By John O'Leary and Ben Preston

THOUSANDS of pupils will be awarded today a new "super A grade" at GCSE that is expected to become the passport to a place at a top university. Already, however, the changes have been branded elitist and unnecessary.

This year 650,000 teenagers sat the main school-leaving examination, achieving the seventh successive annual rise in grades equivalent to the old O level. Almost 150,000 of the 5.16 million GCSE entries received the new starred grade. The majority of papers reached the equivalent of the old O level, an increase of 0.7 per cent on last year.

Opposition parties and a former senior government adviser on education labelled the starred grade divisive and a distraction to the task of raising standards.

However, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, highlighted the achievement of the 3 per cent of pupils achieving starred A grades. "It is right that outstanding performance should be publicly recognised. I am delighted with their success."

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, regretted the introduction of the new top grade and urged Mrs Shephard to abandon plans for a similar move at A level. "More students getting As should be a cause for congratulation, not a reason to devise a new system to divide students up even more," she said.

Don Foster, education spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, rejected the new grade as "elitist and unnecessary". He said: "This is further proof of our obsession with an education system that is geared to the needs of an elite." Mr Foster said he worried that the new grading would hasten the development of a clique of "Ivy League" universities that charged their students additional tuition fees.

The decision to introduce the new category followed criticism that an A grade had been devalued after six successive annual increases in the proportion of candidates gaining the top mark. Some 13.2 per cent of entries achieved A grades this summer, almost twice as many as in the last year of O-levels in 1987.

Academics said the new grade would be quickly adopted by popular universities. Dr Ian Pickering, head of admissions at Liverpool University, said admissions tutors for over-subscribed subjects such as medicine, dentistry, English, history and law would use the new grade as a "tie-breaker" when deciding between candidates.

Reg Goodchild, deputy secretary of Sheffield University, said candidates' GCSE results were probably the most reliable indicator of future performance as admissions tutors sifted university applications. Headteachers' predictions of A-level performance were notoriously unreliable.

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Rescue bid for Swan Hunter threatened

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

SWAN Hunter, the Tyneside shipbuilder, appears finally doomed because of a row between the Ministry of Defence and the French company that is prepared to rescue the yard and its 600 workers from receivership.

The fate of Swan Hunter depends on a deal between Constructions Mécaniques de Normandie (CMN), a Cherbourg company, and Price Waterhouse, the receiver, which has been trying to save it. The French company is still interested in Swan Hunter, despite the yard's failure last month to win a vital contract to refit the *Sir Bedivere* landing ship. The Rosyth dockyard in Scotland beat Swan Hunter with a £40 million bid.

The sale looked doubtful yesterday because the Defence Ministry is at loggerheads with the French company over its refusal to negotiate a lower price for completing the construction of a Type 23 frigate, the last contract on Swan Hunter's books. In a July 19 agreement with CMN, the ministry said it was prepared to pay £57.7 million for the remaining work on *HMS Richmond* if the company took over the yard.

The ministry has now revised its offer, however, apparently dropping the price to £57 million because, a spokesman said, CMN was no longer willing to take over Swan Hunter uncondi-

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Gordonstoun head was accused of Nazi leanings

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE Duke of Edinburgh's headmaster at Gordonstoun was suspected of being a Nazi collaborator and was repeatedly investigated by MI5 during the Second World War, according to secret government documents released yesterday.

A file of about 30 reports and letters, released under the open government initiative by the Scottish Office, revealed that Kurt Hahn, the German founder of Gordonstoun in Morayshire and the man responsible for the education of the then Prince Philip of Greece, was the subject of a number of secret reports.

In 1939, the chief constable of Moray and Nairn constabulary wrote to the Secretary of State to Scotland recommending that Dr Hahn be interred. The Duke of Edinburgh was a pupil at Gordonstoun from 1934, when the school was founded, until 1939. Dr Hahn was headmaster until 1953.

There was much suspicion among the local population that Dr Hahn and a number of his teachers were Nazi sympathisers and spies. The wilder rumours included tales of a photograph showing Hitler and Dr Hahn together. According to one MI5 report, the locals were also concerned simply because Dr Hahn kept bloodhounds and labradors.

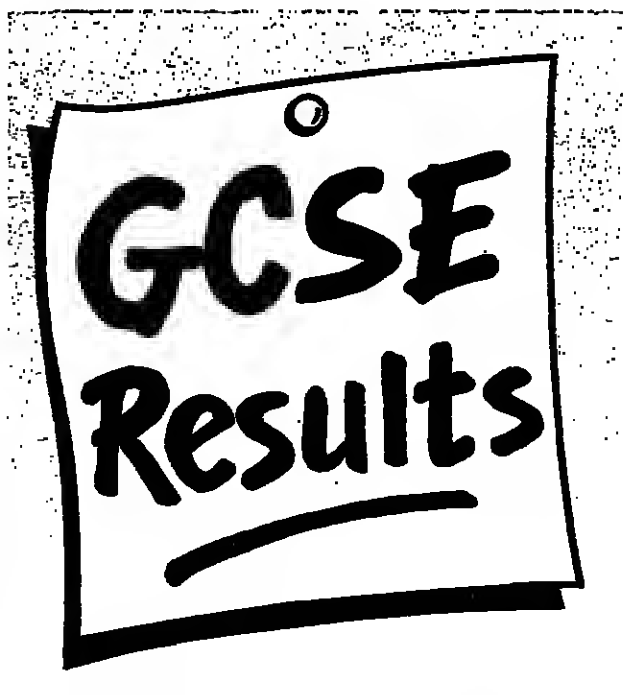
Hahn: taught Duke of Edinburgh

Another MI5 report pointed out that he only became a naturalised British subject in 1938 when he feared internment. It says: "He expressed regret at giving up German nationality to his friends."

In May 1940, five masters at Gordonstoun and eleven of the boys were interned but Dr Hahn escaped that fate.

Dr Hahn, a Rhodes scholar, studied at Christchurch, Oxford, from 1910 to 1914. He founded Gordonstoun with help from Claude Elliot, then headmaster of Eton. The decision by Prince Philip to send his sons to the school helped make it one of the most prestigious public schools. He was considered one of the most forward thinking educators of his day and was held in high regard by the educational establishment. When he resigned as headmaster, he returned to Germany to teach at the Hermansburg junior school. He died there in 1974, aged 88. He never married.

Civil servants had initially ruled that the sensitive documents not be released for at least 75 years. But yesterday they were put on show, along with some 1,940 other documents.



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Transatlantic prophets of peace return to Belfast

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A NEWSPAPERMAN, a former American congressman and two business magnates who have known each other for more than ten years will be in Belfast tomorrow for the next round of what has become their personal peace mission.

The four influential Americans, each of Irish stock, believe that in their own way they have played a part in moving the men of violence towards contemplating peace. The unlikely group of peace evangelists consists of Bruce Morrison, former congressman and old law school friend of President Bill Clinton, Niall O'Dowd, founder publisher of the *Irish Voice*, a New York newspaper, William Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America, a giant insurance company, and Charles Feeney, head of General Atlantic Corporation.

They have been taken by surprise by the publicity generated by their imminent visit, although a previous trip to Belfast in September last year was also the subject of intensive media interest and coincided with a nine-day IRA ceasefire.

The four men regard themselves as an ad hoc delegation. They have no group title and rely on no organisation to back them financially in their efforts to enhance peace hopes in Northern Ireland. Yesterday they had still not booked hotel rooms in Belfast, preferring to leave such arrangements to the last moment.

Many of their trips to Ulster have occurred without publicity. Each is aware of the inherent suspicion felt in British Government circles towards well-meaning Irish Americans who try to do their bit for peace.

However, the four Americans have shown a singular dedication to their cause for several years. "We're not exactly four guys walking into a brushfire," Mr O'Dowd said yesterday.

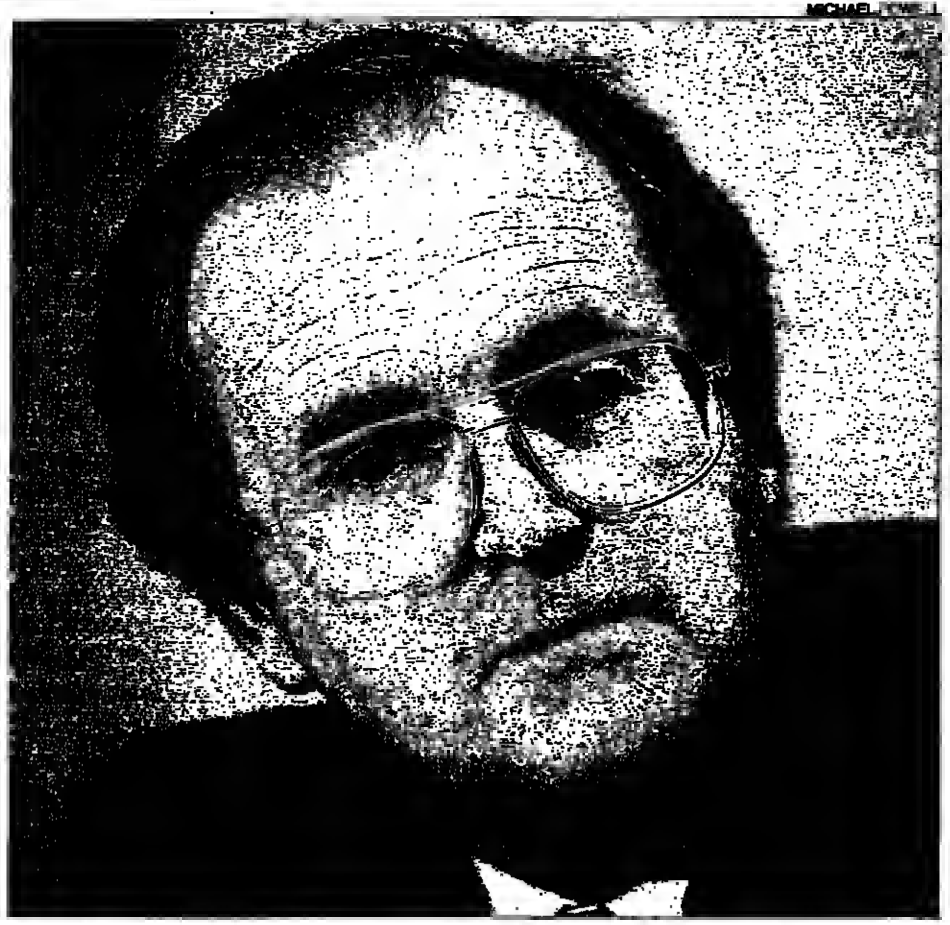
Mr Flynn, who has family roots in Down and Mayo, is chairman of the national committee on American foreign policy that invited Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, to attend a conference in February in New York. Mr Adams was granted a visa due in part to pressure from Mr Flynn and Mr Morrison.

During their peace mission last September, the four Americans held talks with a range of people, including Mr Adams, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and the Unionist leaders James Molyneaux and Ian Paisley.

Did they meet anyone from the IRA? Mr O'Dowd said: "We don't know if we met anyone from the IRA. We met people from the republican movement but my reading of it was that they were from Sinn Fein."

Beith targets big business to raise child benefit by £5

By Jill Sherman, political correspondent



MICHAEL POWELL

Alan Beith announcing the tax changes he said would target the "super rich"

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday officially unveiled their radical package of tax and benefit reforms, which could affect those earning as little as £22,400 as well as the wealthy.

The party said it was targeting the "super rich" with its plan to introduce a new top rate of tax of 60p for those earning more than £100,000.

Alan Beith, deputy leader, argued that the chairmen of big firms could well afford to pay more to help provide poorer groups with extra benefits, including a £5 increase in child benefit.

But the measures include abolishing the married couple's allowance, phasing out mortgage tax relief and lifting the ceiling on national insurance contributions. These would all affect those on middle incomes, a group which Tony Blair, the Labour leader, is keen to protect.

The decision to lift the national insurance ceiling, which would raise £3.5 billion, would hit those earning more than £22,360 according to the Treasury. It has been argued that it was Labour's plan to adopt the same idea — seen as penalising the voters it needed to win over — that lost the party the last election.

Mr Beith said that those earning in "the low to mid-twenty thousands" might have to pay higher taxes but made it clear that the move would be phased in gradually to minimise the impact. Those earning between £27,000 and £32,000 would benefit from his proposal to raise the threshold for the first higher rate of tax by at least £5,000.

Mr Beith said: "The vast majority of people will see that these proposals will in many cases have them paying less tax, in some cases not very much more tax."

The party plans to take 50,000 of the lowest-paid out of the tax system altogether by raising the tax threshold to £3,445 to encourage more unemployed people to take part-time jobs. Three higher tax bands will be introduced but detailed rates will not be announced until nearer the general election, he said.

Liberal Democrat sources confirmed that the first rate of about 40 per cent would hit those earning about £33,000 and the second rate of about 50 per cent would come into effect at £65,000. All three rates, including the top-level 60 per cent, incorporate the effect of the national insurance change.

Mr Beith accused Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, of failing to show how improvements could be delivered. "I don't see how you can invite people to vote for a better society without explaining how it can be done." He emphasised the importance of enabling the poorest to escape the poverty trap. "The top priority must be to help these people help themselves by getting them back to work."

Jeremy Hanley, Conservative Party chairman, described the proposals as "breathtaking hypocrisy" given the Liberal Democrat attacks on Tory tax rises. "This is political incompetence matched with economic suicide for this country," he said. "The Liberal Democrats have now moved even further left than the Labour party would admit to. It proves they are a high-tax, high-spending party."

Conservative Central Office produced an analysis of the plans, claiming a married person earning £20,000 would pay an extra £500 a year in tax; on £40,000 the rise would be £2,400; at £60,000, £7,000; and at £120,000, £20,000. The Institute of Fiscal Studies claimed that the top tax rate, which would affect about 80,000 people, would alone raise up to £2 billion.

Alistair Darling, shadow Treasury spokesman, said: "The Liberals have a major political problem following Labour's advance. But in trying to be different they have taken an absurd position on tax rates."

Alan Beith admitted the party did not know whether all the plans in the Liberal Democrat document, *Opportunity and Independence for All*, would be self-financing.

The report pledges to fund the £5 child benefit rise by abolishing the married couple's allowance, and also to improve benefits for the disabled, introduce child care vouchers and spend an extra £2 billion on education, if necessary by raising income tax by 1p. As part of the plan to integrate tax and national insurance contributions, the party intends to identify the element of employees' contributions that will pay for state pensions. This payment is expected to be 8 per cent rather than the present 10 per cent rate for national insurance contributions.

Shipyard

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tionally after the *Sir Bedivere* bid failed. The official said CMN was now making its purchase conditional on winning the contract to build an oceanographic survey vessel to replace *HMS Hecla* and on obtaining work for two years.

There was also less risk involved in completing *HMS Richmond* because work on the vessel had continued since July, using Swan Hunter employees under an agreement between the ministry and the receivers. The frigate is scheduled to be finished in November.

As workers at Swan Hunter yesterday expressed disgust at the ministry's handling of the negotiations, Roger Freeman, Minister for Defence Procurement, rejected the accusation that the ministry had reneged on an agreement with CMN. There were now "very different circumstances", he said. Six weeks had gone by and he was accountable to Parliament to make the best possible deal.

But, with an apparent seven-day deadline on the yard's future set by the receivers, Mr Freeman said he was ready to negotiate a "sensible deal in good faith immediately".

Robin Cook, shadow Trade Secretary, said: "The MoD seems to be kicking Swan Hunter when it's down. If £57.7 million was a fair price in July, it is hard to see why it's not a fair price in August."

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, said: "With their actions, the Government would appear to be consulting to kill off shipbuilding on Tyneside."

Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed, said: "The Government has done so much to put Swan Hunter in its present crisis that it really must pull out all the stops for what is now the yard's last hope of survival."

RMT begs cash help from other unions

The RMT transport union is appealing to other trade unions for money to help to fund the signalworkers' strikes. The union attempted to extend its industrial action last night by agreeing to ballot London Underground workers on a series of one-day strikes over pay.

The plea for cash help follows a £2.6 million loss for the union last year. It is likely to be seized upon by Railtrack as an acknowledgement that the strikes are hitting union members hard. Jimmy Knapp, the RMT general secretary, has written to all 68 unions affiliated to the Trades Union Congress asking them for "any assistance you can give". The formation of a strike fund is a clear indication that the union believes the strikes are likely to continue.

The union's decision to ballot its 8,000 London Underground members follows a similar move by the train drivers' union Aslef against a 2 per cent pay rise, and raises the prospect of co-ordinated strike action. Voting will end on September 19 and strikes could start at the end of the month.

Race attack on prisoner

The prison service has ordered an inquiry into an attack on an Asian prisoner by five white inmates wearing Ku Klux Klan-style hoods. The men used white pillow cases to hide their faces when they entered the man's cell at Armley jail in Leeds. The Asian prisoner, who had been working in the kitchen, suffered only minor injuries including bruising in the incident on Tuesday but officials at prison service headquarters sought a full report because of the racist nature of the attack.

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Town hall incentive

Employers of people who are local councillors should be compensated with public money for staff absence on council duties, Jack Straw said yesterday. The move should encourage more people to become councillors, the shadow Environment Secretary said. According to Mr Straw, the number of councillors in full-time jobs or self-employed has dropped by nearly a fifth in the past 18 years. Mr Straw, responding to an Environment Department paper, called for a new employer-backed charter and said employers were making it increasingly difficult for people to serve as councillors.

Health 'top priority'

Seven out of ten people think that health should be top of the Government's spending priorities, according to a survey published yesterday. The poll of 2,000 adults, carried out by MORI for the private health insurer Bupa, said that more than half the population wanted free universal dental care and nearly two thirds said help for the elderly was an important issue. Education and employment were also regarded as high among spending priorities, as were law and order, particularly among the elderly. Transport and culture rated poorly.

Boy hanged accidentally

A boy accidentally hanged himself from a bannister rail in an attempt to heighten the sensation of sniffing nail varnish, an inquest in Leeds was told yesterday. The body of Craig Kerringan, 14, of Halton Moor, Leeds, was found by his aunt, Michelle Anderson, with whom he had been staying. A plastic bag containing nail polish was discovered in her bedroom and two bottles found in Craig's pocket. Coroner David Hinchliff, recording a verdict of misadventure, said: "I hope this demonstrates to other young people that it is a very dangerous thing. I hope Craig's death acts as a lesson."

Greens suspend Porritt

The Green Party has suspended the membership of Jonathon Porritt, one of its founders. Mr Porritt, left, had urged voters in the Mid and West Wales Euro-constituency to support Plaid Cymru on the grounds that its candidate had sound green credentials and stood a better chance of being elected than the Green Party representative. Mr Porritt will be invited in October to defend his action.

Urgent appeal granted

A pregnant mother jailed for 21 days for stealing £380 from the bank where she worked will have her appeal heard as a matter of urgency today. Rebecca Gillon, a mother of one who is seven months pregnant, remained in Holloway jail last night. At a private hearing in his chambers yesterday, Mr Justice Holland refused bail but ordered that the appeal be heard as soon as possible. Gillon, 25, from Alnwick, Northumberland, was jailed on Monday at Winchester Crown Court after admitting two thefts from the Barclays Bank, where she was a clerk, and false accounting.

Wartime bomb alert

Up to 1,000 people were moved out of their homes yesterday as Army bomb disposal experts began defusing a 500lb Second World War bomb in an operation expected to last 12 hours. The 5ft long, 40in diameter German high-explosive bomb was uncovered on Tuesday by workmen on a building site north of Worksop, Nottinghamshire. Police moved people living within 500 metres to a leisure centre and urged others living up to 1,000 metres away to stay indoors. The bomb is thought to have been dropped during an attack on Sheffield.

Howard to reject 'council police'

By Robi Dutta and Richard Ford

MICHAEL Howard is likely to reject any formal proposals from Wandsworth council to set up a municipal police force to fight crime on the London borough's housing estates.

Yesterday police chiefs and rank-and-file officers spoke out against the plan.

The plans were outlined to the Home Secretary at a meeting in June at which Mr Howard pointed to the constitutional and legal difficulties.

A Westminster source said last night that Mr Howard was "not in the business of creating a secondary police force".

Council leaders put forward a number of ideas including extending the role of Wandsworth Parks Constabulary, the authority's 32 uniformed parks police, to cover housing estates. The cost would be covered by tenants paying higher service charges.

The parks police have the power to make arrests, take fingerprints, tape interviews and process paperwork. They are currently confined to enforcing the law in the borough's open spaces and in council buildings.

Wandsworth's idea would require an extension of the powers of the parks police, enabling them to patrol on public land. This would require legislation, risking further political embarrassment to the Government on a law and order issue.

Officials have also raised the problem of how the public would pursue complaints about a municipal force.

Senior police officers said yesterday they would be unhappy if a municipal force could patrol housing estates and had powers of arrest beyond council property.

The Police Federation said more resources should go towards increasing the number of police officers on patrol. "Taxpayers are already paying for a professional force. Why should they have to pay again?" a spokeswoman said.

The Association of Chief Police Officers questioned whether council employees were sufficiently trained to patrol estates.

TA band suspends couple

By Andrew Pierce

TWO musicians in a Territorial Army brass band have been suspended for allegedly having an affair during a summer tour. The suspensions come six months after four other members left the band over an extra-marital relationship.

The woman and a married man, who have not been named, may be discharged if they are found guilty of "conduct unbecoming band members".

An inquiry has begun into the alleged affair during a tour of Jersey by the band of the 307th Battery South Notts Hussars.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that the couple were suspended on August 17 for "an alleged relationship".

An Army spokesman said: "The band has an international standing and has made recordings. The Army is keen to sort it out as quickly as it can. We are dealing only with an allegation." The investigation, which is expected to last four weeks, is being led by the battery commander, Major Arnold Forster.

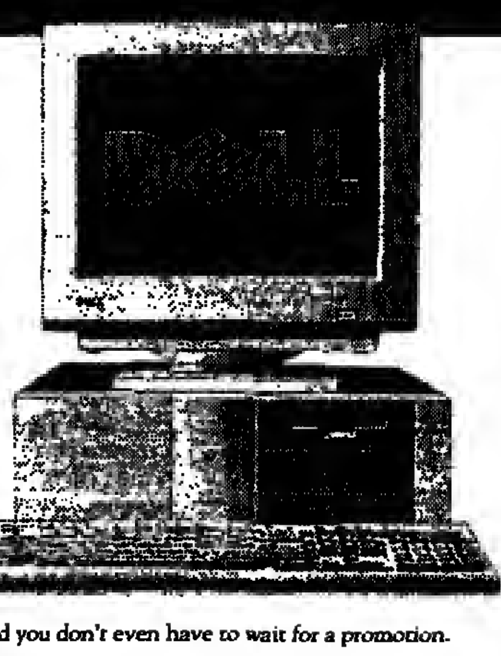
The man suspended for the alleged affair said yesterday that he had been harshly judged. "This has caused a lot of trouble for me, my family and my wife, and I just want to forget about it. I hope I don't get thrown out of the band, but that's up to the authorities to decide." The woman, who lives with her parents, declined to comment.

In March two percussionists, bandswoman Claire Howells, 24, and the band leader, Staff Sergeant Chris Good, were suspended over a relationship that began on a tour of Cornwall last year. Mrs Howells was married when the affair began and Sergeant Good was separated from his wife.

The couple, who have set up home together, resigned from the band. Two bombardiers, Alan Peberday, 51, and Michael Kavanagh, 55, were also suspended after sending a 22-page letter about the affair to senior officers.

Mr Kavanagh has since been told his services are surplus to requirements, and Mr Peberday has resigned. He said in March: "I wrote the letter because this type of hanky panky gives totally the wrong image of what we do. We are the shop window of the British Army. It's terrible to think of wives and husbands believing that this sort of thing is a common occurrence on weekends away."

Our report (July 23) of the apparently passionless performance by the lead actors in *Scarlett*, the sequel to *Gone With The Wind*, said that a team of top editors had been assembled "to rescue the project". We are glad to make it clear that the original editing team, comprising Keith Palmer, Jack Wheeler and Malcolm Cooke, were engaged on the project throughout and were not replaced.



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Doctors debate the ethics of a machine which pulls the plug and a company selling donor eggs

'Doomsday' computer disowned by hospital

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A DOCTOR who plans to use a computer to help to determine which patients will be allowed to die was effectively disowned yesterday by the hospital where he works. A strongly worded statement from Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London stressed that the computer would not be used in such a way.

The hospital said that Dr David Bihari, director of its intensive care unit, had not sought clearance from its ethics committee and the allegation that the use of the computer had been forced on him by budget cuts had "no basis in fact".

Dr Bihari made his claims in a BBC1 programme, *Here and Now*, broadcast last night. He said that budget cuts in the intensive care unit were forcing him to make hard decisions about which patients to treat and which to allow to die.

"I've thought about this very hard, and it is now time to start using the computer to help us identify patients who should have their treatments stopped," he said. If the Riyadh Intensive Care Program — dubbed RIP — concludes that a patient will die within 90 days despite modern treatment, it flashes a small black coffin with a white cross.

Asked if the program would have a direct input into the lives and deaths of his patients, Dr Bihari said: "Yes, it will help me and my staff identify those patients who should have their treatment stopped."

He confirmed that predictions made by the program were wrong 5 per cent of the time. Did that mean that five people out of every 100 would effectively be killed? "Killing is a bit emotive but undoubtedly if we go on the computer alone we will lose one patient in every 20 when we terminate their life support," he replied. "But I hope — I don't know but I hope — that in combination with my clinical judgment we will reduce that, perhaps to one patient in 50 or one in 100."

The hospital said it understood that the computer was being used by Dr Bihari to assess the performance of the unit so that comparisons could be made with other units. A similar project was being coordinated across Britain by the Intensive Care Society.

"The computer should be used to record details of patients admitted to the unit but not to direct patient management," the statement said. "Dr Bihari has not approached the ethics committee of Guy's Hospital to ask for clearance to use the computer in treating patients."

The hospital said that a budget reduction of 3 per cent in intensive care units across Guy's and St Thomas' had been accepted by the clinical director and was in line with efficiency targets set by the NHS. "To date there has been no reduction in the number of patients treated and the department is within budget. No instruction has been issued to Dr Bihari to use the computer to make decisions about patient care."

Dr Bihari continued to defend the use of computers yesterday, saying that they did not make decisions on their own, but could help a doctor to make a clinical decision.

Dr Anne Rodway, of the British Medical Association's Ethics Committee, said: "This is an alarmist and irresponsible proposal which goes against all my ethical instincts of how any thinking, caring doctor should behave. It is sheer nonsense."

Dr David Bihari with the computer that assesses a patient's chances of surviving longer than three months

US clinic defends adverts aimed at British women

By Catherine Milton

AN AMERICAN fertility clinic yesterday defended its decision to advertise in the British media as senior medical figures warned women to be cautious about approaching it for treatment.

In an advertisement in *The Times* on Tuesday, the Genetics & IVF Institute, of Fairfax, Virginia offered to impregnate women using donor eggs, in very short supply in this country, promising "immediate availability" and "no waiting list" at a "suburban Washington DC location".

The clinic, said to charge about £10,000 per treatment, yesterday told employees not to talk to the press. Eventually it issued a brief fax saying: "We are a major, well-respected American centre for the treatment of infertility. Our purpose has been to inform health care consumers about one of our services which may be of interest."

Yesterday the Department of Health said that before going abroad for treatment people should seek information about the clinic. "It's likely they are receiving treatment already and they should seek the advice of the person treating them."

Infertility clinics here, which charge £1,000 to £2,000 for each treatment with donor eggs, responded cautiously to the US clinic's initiative. Senior clinicians said the dearth of eggs in this country, where women are not permitted to sell their ova, meant couples were likely to look abroad. But they urged caution and warned women to check a foreign clinic's screening of egg donors and verify their success rates.

Paul Lewis, of Bourne Hall clinic near Cambridge, said of the American clinic: "All that one is concerned about is that as far as I know, one has not seen their published rates of results and one does not know what screening tests are taken by the donors."

Karen Shelton, of Park Hospital, a fertility clinic in Nottingham, said the US clinic's decision to advertise was all right as long as the clinic was properly regulated. She said that her clinic did not like the idea of donors being paid.

The British Medical Association said: "The most important thing is that patients give their fully informed consent to whatever sort of treatment they were going to be offered.

"In Britain, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority license clinics and carry out rigorous tests, and set rigorous standards.

"We don't know that they [clinics in America] will adhere to those standards, so people must find out as much as possible."

'Brilliant' scientist dies in new 150mph sports car

By Richard Duce

A SCIENTIST about to complete important research on Aids and cancer treatment was killed only hours after taking delivery of his new 150mph sports car.

Ian Walker, 28, described as a brilliant research fellow, was reported missing by his wife after failing to return from a drive in the £28,000 TVR Chimaera on Monday evening.

Next morning the car was found overturned in a ditch beside a dual carriageway near Coleshill, Warwickshire. Mr Walker, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, was taken to hospital in Nuneaton, where he was certified dead.

He was only one experiment away from publishing his findings and colleagues at the pharmaceutical and biology department at Aston University, Birmingham, will try to complete the work using his meticulous notes.

His supervisor, Dr Saghir Akhtar, said yesterday: "This is a terrible tragedy. The lab is all set up for that last experiment. His work ... is considered very important indeed.

"Ian is going to be greatly missed both as a friend and as a scientist with a brilliant future ahead of him. Who knows what he might have gone on to achieve in medicine?"

Dr Akhtar said sports cars had been a hobby of Mr Walker, who had driven at the Brands Hatch race circuit. The scientist met his wife Claire, 28, a pharmacist, while a student and the couple married last summer.

Warwickshire Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident. No other vehicle is thought to have been involved. Sergeant Rod Johnson said: "We understand that the deceased had taken possession of the car hours earlier. The Chimaera is a very powerful, specialist sports car. It can travel very fast and the driver of such a vehicle would need great skill to handle it at high speed."

Ben Samuelson, a spokesman for TVR in Blackpool, said: "Mr Walker had very close relationships with several of our staff. His death has caused great sadness."

Old Master found in drug raid

The portrait of Keppel recovered yesterday

By Dalya Alberge
Arts correspondent

POLICE struck luckier than they expected when they made an early-morning drug raid on a house in Kent yesterday. As well as 20kg of cannabis resin and some ammunition they found an Old Master painting that could be worth about £200,000.

The picture, a portrait of Admiral Keppel (1725-86) that measures 5ft by 4ft, is believed to be by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Its reverse bears the date 1760. Curatorial staff at the National Portrait Gallery, which has two other Reynolds portraits of Keppel, were advising the police yesterday.

Keppel was a life-long friend of Reynolds, who painted him at least seven times, charting his rise from a slimly built captain to pot-bellied admiral. The recovered painting, however, is not listed on databases of stolen art.

The police raid was on a detached house in a rural area outside Gillingham. Two people, described as a couple, were arrested.

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Boy driven to suicide by boredom

By Kate Alderson

A TEENAGER who committed suicide by lying in front of a train wrote a final message before he died: "Bored". The 18-year-old, who often talked of dying and the tedium of life, had felt himself "burdened" by his own intelligence, an inquest in Stockport was told yesterday.

Calum Burnet, whose diary told of his plans to kill himself, was decapitated after lying in front of the Crewe to Manchester train near Cheadle Hulme station in April. By the side of the track near his body he had spelt out the word "bored" in stones.

Peter Revington, the coroner, described Calum, from Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, as "a rather unusual" teenager at the inquest on Tuesday into his death. "Intelligence was more a burden than an advantage to him. He seemed to think life was not rewarding him sufficiently for this intelligence," Mr Revington said. He added: "Boredom seems to be the watchword for the younger generation."

He recorded a verdict of suicide.

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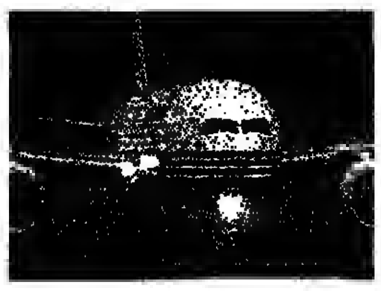

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Professor dismisses vocational A-level results as unreliable

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A DISPUTE over the standard of so-called vocational A levels broke out yesterday as the qualification's first results were published.

More than a third of the 1,236 candidates taking the advanced level of the General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) were awarded distinctions, which are intended to be the equivalent of the top two grades of A level.

Ministers are relying on the new qualification to provide a high-status alternative to purely academic work beyond the age of 16. More than 900 of the first group of students were offered conditional places in higher education.

But Professor Alan Smithers, a former government curriculum adviser and professor of education at Manchester University, said the results were "hopelessly unreliable" and required much more external assessment. "There is a cosy, confused relationship between student and tutor, who is also the examiner."

Professor Smithers, who has been a consistent critic of assessment on vocational courses, said: "I am a great fan of applied education, but it is vital that we have a good assessment process so that employers and admissions tutors can have confidence in the results. I have heard of students suggesting their own grades, and tutors asking others what they need to get into higher education."

John Hillier, chief executive of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, defended the results but said few conclusions could be drawn from such a small group. "Next year will be the real test, when up to 40,000 people take the advanced level."

Two in three candidates failed to gain the full qualification inside the expected two years. But the 900 offers of a higher education place represented an 85 per cent success rate, compared with the 76 per cent average for all applicants.

Tina Townsend, chief executive of the Business and Technology Education Council, said the number of offers showed universities had confidence in the qualification's standards. The high drop-out rate confirmed that courses were "tough, thorough and rigorous", she added.

The qualifications are based more on continual assessment by a student's own tutor than A levels. Although there is also an external exam, students accumulate most "units" by demonstrating competence in specific skills.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, described the results as "an historic step towards giving the country the vocational skills we need for the future". The Government was committed to producing "mature, well respected and highly marketable qualifications" by building on the strengths of the GNVQ.

1994 GCSE EXAMINATIONS

Subject	Number of Candidates	A*	Percentage of candidates obtaining grade A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Art and design	212092	3.0	12.4	16.8	23.9	19.2	13.6	7.6	2.9
	(198023)		(14.7)	(18.2)	(23.4)	[19.3)	(14.1)	(8.4)	(3.0)
Business studies	106942	2.5	8.3	15.9	20.8	18.6	14.4	9.8	5.5
	(99236)		(9.9)	(14.6)	(19.8)	(20.2)	(16.4)	(10.2)	(5.6)
Latin	12862	19.4	37.0	22.9	12.3	4.5	2.2	1.0	0.5
	(12574]		(54.9)	(24.1)	(12.2)	(4.4)	(2.6)	(1.3)	(0.5)
Greek	1216	44.5	29.8	13.7	8.7	3.0	1.4	0.7	0.2
	(1268)		(69.2)	(14.7)	(8.7)	(3.1)	(2.0)	(1.4)	(0.6)
Classical civilisation	4322	7.2	22.4	29.3	19.6	6.9	5.4	3.1	1.9
	(4008)		(26.5)	(26.4]	(20.3)	(10.5)	(6.9)	(4.5)	(2.8)
Computer studies	34348	3.6	8.5	16.5	23.1	16.5	14.0	8.9	5.5
	(36490)		(10.3)	(15.9)	(22.9)	(17.1)	(14.3)	(10.6)	(5.8)
CDT	143016	1,7	7.1	14.3	19.1	19.5	17.3	12.3	6.2
	(144467)		(8.9)	(14.0)	(18.8)	(19.8)	[17.5)	(12.4)	(6.1)
Economics	13965	2.3	10.9	21.2	23.9	17.3	11.2	6.9	4.0
	(16701)		(12.7)	(20.2)	(23.2)	(18.9)	(12.5)	(7.8)	(4.2)
English	596206	1.8	8.7	20.1	27.6	20.7	11.3	7.5	1.9
	(630087)		(10.2	(18.7)	(28.4)	(21.5)	(12.8)	(6.2)	(1.9)
English literature	425117	2.5	10.8	22.3	26.9	17.3	10.8	6.9	1.9
	(448554		(12.7)	(20.8)	(27.7)	(18.9)	(11.8)	(5.3)	(1.5)
Home economics	104468	1.2	6.8	14.3	19.9	20.7	18.1	11.8	5.1
	(108041)		(7.3)	(14.2)	(19.5)	(20.6)	(18.3)	(12.2)	(5.6)
Geography	264224	3.4	10.9	17.5	20.0	17.8	14.1	9.6	4.8
	(265123)		(13.1)	(17.4]	(20.0)	(18.0)	(14.1]	(9.8)	(5.3)
History	227395	2.8	11.6	18.8	21.1	15.4	12.3	9.1	5.4
	(215922)		(13.8)	(18.5)	(21.5)	(16.0)	(12.7)	(9.0)	(5.3)
French	289901	4.5	15.8	14.2	16.6	17.4	13.0	12.2	5.6
	(286138)		(19.6)	(14.3)	(16.0)	(15.5)	(12.5)	(13.0)	(7.7)
German	110517	5.2	18.8	16.8	17.9	15.9	10.6	8.8	5.0
	(106420)		(24.0)	(15.6)	(17.6)	(15.5)	(11.1)	(9.6)	(5.5)
Spanish	38415	6.6	20.7	16.7	14.7	13.3	10.4	10.2	6.1
	(31949)		(28.6)	(16.8)	(14.4]	(13.1]	(9.6)	(9.8)	(6.5)
Mathematics	601613	1.9	7.0	15.9	21.4	18.7	15.7	12.5	6.5
	(547983)		(9.0)	(11.0)	(26.6)	(18.6)	(18.3)	(10.9)	(4.4)
Music	36471	5.8	17.3	23.2	20.1	13.8	9.2	6.3	8.0
	(34083]		(20.0)	(22.1)	(20.9)	(14.6)	(10.4)	(7.2)	(3.6)
Religious studies	102031	2.9	12.0	13.9	22.1	14.3	12.0	8.9	5.5
	(95748)		(13.9)	(18.3)	(22.1)	(15.0)	(12.4]	(8.9)	(5.5)
Biology	75235	4.7	15.9	21.0	23.6	15.4	9.8	5.3	2.6
	(90622)		(18.7)	(18.4]	(25.3)	(16.0)	(11.3)	(6.6)	(3.4)
Chemistry	52167	7.5	20.5	24.5	22.3	12.7	7.2	3.4	1.2
	(62353)		(22.6)	(25.2)	(21.3)	(13.6)	(9.0)	(4.8)	(2.4]
Physics	53746	8.9	18.9	21.5	24.6	12.7	7.5	3.5	1.4
	(65438)		(23.5)	(21.2)	(23.4)	(14.9)	(9.1]	(4.8)	(1.9)
Science	777446	2.8	8.9	18.5	18.3	21.5	16.8	8.7	3.5
	(593887)		(9.2)	(12.2)	(22.8)	(19.9)	(16.5)	(11.1]	(5.7)
Social science	4080	0.3	3.2	13.9	22.1	17.2	15.1	11.9	7.8
	(4483)		(6.5)	(12.7)	(21.0)	(16.2)	(15.5)	(12.6)	(8.6)
All sciences	958594	3.8	3.0	19.2	13.3	20.0	14.8	8.6	5.2
	(812310)		(12.2)	(14.6)	(23.0)	(18.6)	(14.7)	(9.6)	(4.9)
Modern languages	443712	5.0	17.2	15.1	16.7	16.6	12.1	11.1	5.4
	(431274]		(21.8)	(14.8)	(16.2)	(15.2)	(11.8)	(11.8)	(7.0)
Welsh first language	2824	1.5	11.1	18.3	26.5	23.0	xm12.0	5.3	1.9
Welsh second language	6266	3.1	21.4	18.0	15.6	12.3	13.5	6.8	8.2
Welsh literature	2131	3.1	6.9	13.8	26.7	19.7	12.2	5.9	2.5

GRADE A* 2.9%, GRADE A*-A 13.2% (12.7%), GRADE A*-C 53.1% (52.4%), GRADE A*-G 98.5% (98.2%)
Bracketed are the provisional results statistics for 1993.

GCSE English is all Greek to some

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

PUPILS studying Greek were 25 times more likely to gain the new "super A" grade in their GCSE examinations this summer than those taking English.

The national breakdown of GCSE results, published today, discloses stark differences in the proportion of candidates gaining the new top grade in various subjects.

Overall, more than 100,000 of the 5.16 million GCSE entries this year received a starred A grade.

Pupils were most likely to gain the new top mark in Greek (44.5 per cent), followed by Latin (19.4), physics (8.9), chemistry (7.5), classical civilisation (7.2), Spanish (6.6) and German (5.2).

Candidates were least likely to achieve a starred A in: home economics (1.2 per cent), craft design and technology (1.7), English (1.8), mathematics (1.9), economics (2.3), English literature (2.5) and business studies (2.5).

The new hallmark of academic excellence was introduced this summer because of concern that the previous grading system of the GCSE was too broad. Critics had become increasingly vocal as the GCSE pass-rate grew inexorably each year. Some 13.2 per cent of candidates gained A grades this summer — almost twice as many as in the last year of O-levels in 1987.

The new grading is expected to be taken up by admission tutors at popular universities. The starred A is likely to prove an invaluable "tiebreaker" as tutors sift candidates for particularly competitive courses such as medicine and dentistry, where many already have several A grades.

George Turnbull, of the Southern Examining Group, one of the largest GCSE boards, said the proportion of starred A grades awarded annually would continue to be strictly monitored.

He said: "Candidates for Greek and Latin come largely from independent or grammar schools that have already selected pupils by ability at 11."

Independent schools continued to take single science subjects while most state schools opted for combined courses, suggesting this explained the higher top grades in physics and chemistry.

Women fail to report sex attacks

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

SEVEN per cent of women students at Oxford have been sexually abused while studying in the city, a survey says.

The study of 2,200 women students shows that 158 had been sexually abused, including 19 who had been raped, while at Oxford University or Oxford Brookes University. Forty-four cent of those who said they had been abused said that they had suffered indecent assault and the rest indecent exposure. Ninety per cent had been attacked in college residences and in most cases the offender was known to the victim.

But, although an overwhelming majority said that they would report such incidents to the police, in reality less than 12 per cent did so.

Chief Inspector Peter Clark of Thames Valley Police, who commissioned the report, said: "We are surprised and disappointed by the findings. We obviously encourage people to report offences and can assure women that any complaints are dealt with in a sympathetic and understanding manner."

The study, by Oxford Brookes University, found that 60 per cent failed to report incidents because they feared an unsympathetic response or felt that the judicial system was inadequate.

Girl of 16 'victim of cot death'

By A Staff Reporter

A HEALTHY girl of 16 died in her sleep for no apparent reason, an inquest was told yesterday. After the hearing, Jenny Johnson's parents said they had been told it was a rare adult type of cot death.

Miss Johnson died in May after spending an evening with her boyfriend, Michael Francis.

Mr Francis, 18, told the inquest that in the morning he got up for work and kissed her goodbye on her cheek. "She appeared to be fast asleep and looked very peaceful," he said.

Dr John Clark, a pathologist from Leeds General Infirmary who carried out a post mortem and further tests, said: "There was no trace of drugs or alcohol, no marks on her body, her internal organs were fine."

He told David Hinchliff, the Leeds coroner: "The only other possibilities would be an abnormal heartbeat or an epileptic seizure, both of which are impossible to detect in post mortem."

Mr Hinchliff recorded an open verdict.

Miss Johnson's mother Jane, 39, said at her home in Leeds yesterday that the coroner's officer had told her the death was an adult form of cot death. He had said that in the past 15 years he had come across very few such cases.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Champion wins

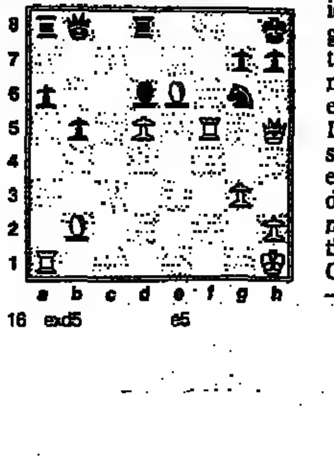
London grandmaster Jon Speelman is the only player in the history of the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament to have won the event in two consecutive years. He was champion in 1992 and 1993 and shares the lead in this year's competition, currently in progress at London's Cumberland Hotel, with 3.5 points out of 4 possible. In the fourth round he demolished international master Keith Arkell in the following entertaining game.

White: Jon Speelman
Black: Keith Arkell
Lloyds Bank, August 1994

English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	Nc3	Nc6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	e6
6	a3	Nxd4
7	Qxd4	d6
8	g3	Bd7
9	Bg2	Bc6
10	e4	Be7
11	0-0	0-0
12	b4	Qb8
13	Bb2	Rc8
14	Rfe1	a6
15	Nd5	Bxd5

Diagram of final position



16	exd5	e5
17	Qd3	Nd7
18	Bh3	Rd8
19	f4	b5
20	c5	dxc5
21	fxe5	cxb4
22	axb4	Bxb4
23	e6	Bc5+
24	Kh1	fxe6
25	Bxe6+	Kh8
26	Rf1	Ne5
27	Qe2	Bd6
28	Rf5	Ng6
29	Qh5	Black resigns

Lloyds leaders

After completion of four rounds 14 players share the lead, among them British grandmasters Jon Speelman, Mark Hebden, Tony Miles and John Nunn.

Speed chess

The Lloyds Bank Masters also functions this year as the qualifying event for the Intel Speed Chess Grand Prix, featuring Garry Kasparov, Nigel Short and Viswanathan Anand, which takes place at the Sedgewick Centre, London, at the end of the month.

The top five finishers in Lloyds Bank will be admitted to the first round of the 200,000 dollar Grand Prix.

World draughts

In the world draughts championship in Boston, with six games remaining to be played, the computer champion Chinook and its human challenger, Grandmaster Don Lafferty, remain tied. The score is 7 points each. Games eleven to fourteen all ended as draws. Lafferty must win the match in order to claim the title. A drawn contest leaves Chinook as champion.

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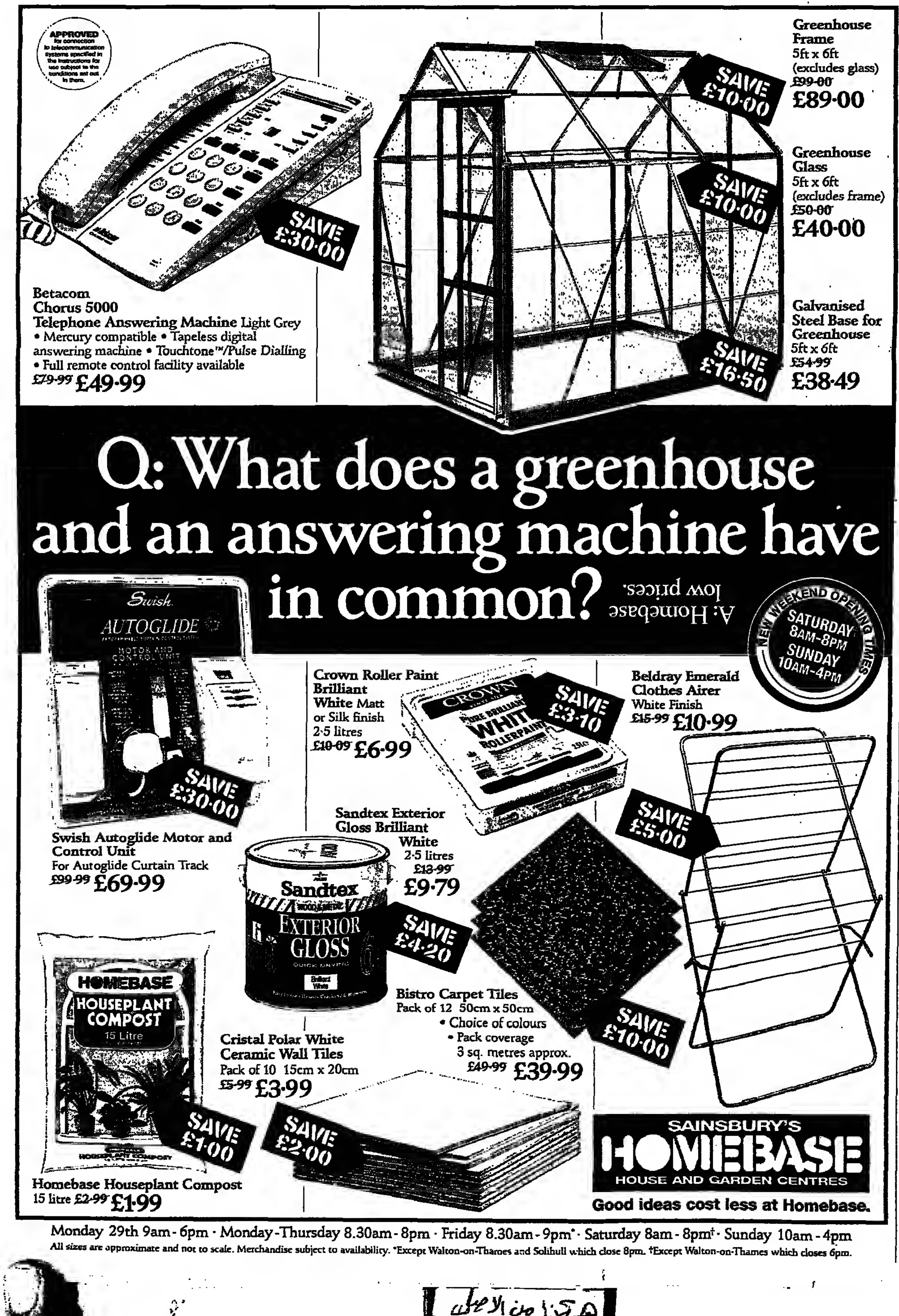

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Animal militants hunted after £2m island inferno

By Michael Horsnell

OFFICERS from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch were last night leading the search for animal rights arsonists suspected of launching firebomb attacks that caused more than £2 million damage on the Isle of Wight.

Incendiary devices went off at four shops in two hours shortly after midnight yesterday, stretching to the limit the island's emergency services. Brian Drake, chairman of the Isle of Wight public protection committee, said: "The island with its limited resources was on the verge of a major disaster."

More than 100 firefighters and all the 16 appliances on the island were needed to cope with the inferno, from which 15 people were evacuated without injury. Help was summoned from the Hampshire mainland and four fire engines were ferried across to ensure essential cover.

Forensic scientists concentrated on examining a timed device accidentally found intact at a fishing tackle shop in Newport before it went off. The discovery led to an alert that failed to uncover four others.

About eight hours later they gutted a Boots store in Newport and a sports shop in Ryde. Minor damage was caused to a suede and leather shop and a cancer research charity shop in Ryde.

A sixth device was found yesterday afternoon at a Halfords motorcycle and bicycle centre in Newport and the store was evacuated as Army bomb squad officers were called in.

As the anti-terrorist branch, which keeps a watching brief on animal rights activists, was called in by Hampshire police, inquiries were being made at ferry ports on the island.

Police said that they were seeking a man in his late twenties seen in the suede and leather shop. He is about 5ft 9in to 5ft 10in tall, broad-shouldered, with facial stubble and bottom front teeth in poor condition. He wore a black woollen-type ski hat and black motorcycle jacket and carried a grey shoulder-bag.

Morris Barton, Isle of Wight County Council leader, said he was unhappy that police contacted only fishing shops after the first incendiary was found at Scotties tackle shop.

He said: "Most people know that anglers have been the target of animal activists and that any shop associated with animal products or animal testing is a target for animal activists.

"All the other firebombs were targeted at shops that in some way had that link. When this investigation is over I want a full explanation from the police why other shops that could be targets were not contacted. It could have saved property and jobs."

He also said that the Government needed to recognise the problems faced by the fire service on the island, where the authority had been in touch with the Home Office about a £1.2 million underfunding of the service.

Supt Alan Emmott, head of the island's police, said: "The call came in to us at 4.24pm and by the time we got officers round and assessed the situation, most shops were closing or closed.

"We did broadcast a warning through the local media, but obviously shops were closed. We did not have time on our side.

"We told all the shops we thought could be at risk. We have since alerted all shopkeepers to check their premises for any more devices."

Eighteen extra detectives have been drafted in from Hampshire to form a squad of more than 30 hunting the bombers.

Robin Webb, press officer for the Animal Liberation Front, said that the attacks bore the hallmarks of the terrorist group Animal Rights Militia which has claimed responsibility for letter bombs in the past.

Lee Copeland, a partner at Scotties Tackle Shop, said: "A local customer came in to buy a specialist fishing waistcoat and put it on the counter. The manager took out the packaging from the front pocket as normal and as he did so drew out a cigarette packet which turned out to contain an incendiary device with a watch set at midnight. It was completely good fortune that it was found."

Nigel Young was close to tears after watching his sports and leisure shop destroyed. He said: "The only leather products I sell are football boots and balls — why me?"

At the nearby suede and leather shop, Brenda Keyte, co-proprietor, said: "Somebody had planted a timed device in a jacket pocket earlier in the day. It had gone off, but fortunately burned through the pocket and fallen on the floor without setting fire to anything else. Luckily our smoke alarm went off. I am very angry."

A spokesman for the fire service said: "People will ask, 'Why the Isle of Wight?' But we are an easy and confined target where a lot of damage can be done quickly."

The fire service handed leaflets to about 200 people after sheets of asbestos exploded at the rear of Boots, advising them to keep doors and windows closed. The company said that there would be no toxic effects.

> ❛ The Isle of Wight, with its limited resources, was on the verge of a major disaster ❜

MIKE MERRITT

A fireman surveying the burnt-out Boots store on the Isle of Wight yesterday. Four shops were bombed and two targeted unsuccessfully

The true cost of a bitter divorce

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

COUPLES considering divorce are warned today that the legal costs can wreck their chances of starting a new life.

Helen Garlick, the author of *The Which? Guide to Divorce*, urges couples that before launching into a "major battle", they should think about the potentially "crippling" costs.

The more use the couple makes of a solicitor's services, "the greater bole will be cut in your budget. Money moans may cost you your marriage but don't let divorce ruin the rest of your life."

She points out that solicitors charge in units of five or six minutes, so every telephone call, letter and meeting means extra expense.

Although outside London a junior solicitor might charge from £50 an hour, in London the charge might be from £80 to £120 and in leading legal firms hourly rates of £185 are not uncommon, she says.

Huge legal costs can be run up over quite trivial disputes, Ms Garlick, a former matrimonial lawyer, warns. She advises people to ask themselves whether they want legal advice or someone to "fight" for them.

"Using your solicitor as an emotional prop rather than as a legal adviser could turn out to be an expensive luxury." In the chapter *Legal Health Warning*, she says: "It is too easy to forget about costs until your divorce and financial problems are solved. The more the lawyers get, the less the family will be able to share between them."

The guide focuses on helping couples minimise what can be the "crippling" costs of divorce to protect as much money as possible for the family.

CSA 'failing children in family splits'

DELAYS at the Child Support Agency are failing those it was set up to help, a new guide to divorce says today.

The Which? Guide to Divorce says that hold-ups in processing claims means that those most in need of financial support — children being looked after by lone parents — are suffering.

The change in the way child maintenance is assessed, now done according to a formula, could have been kept simple by fixing a percentage of income to be paid to children, Helen Garlick, the book's author, says.

"However, its Byzantine complexity not only makes it very difficult to grasp but extremely unwieldy to administer," she says. "The backlog of work now faced by the agency threatens to overwhelm it."

BNP man sacked 'to please voters'

By Lin Jenkins

A FORMER parliamentary candidate for the British National Party told an industrial tribunal yesterday that he had been sacked from his job with a Labour-run council for political motives.

Ian Dell, 34, a caretaker with Greenwich council in southeast London, said that the decision to dismiss him was political point-scoring designed to attract votes from members of ethnic minority communities. He also expressed surprise that an appeal hearing against the sacking was chaired by Len Duvall, leader of the council, who had written to neighbouring Bexley council about the BNP bookshop in the borough, requesting councillors to "act against racists".

Mr Dell, of Woolwich, is bringing a case for unfair dismissal. He was sacked in November 1993 after appearing on television news broadcasts holding a copy of *The Nationalist* newspaper and chanting "Rights for whites" in a clash with Anti-Nazi League protesters.

The council said that there had been a breach of trust and confidence by Mr Dell and that he could not reasonably be seen to be carrying out his contractual obligation to promote the council's equal opportunities policy.

Mr Dell, a member of the BNP for 11 years and organiser for southeast London, told the hearing in Croydon, south London: "The hearing was biased. It is a Labour-run council and they were putting forward a certain political policy. They felt that by dismissing me they were scoring political points."

The panel reserved its decision, which will be published at a later date.

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Protest over Army threat to moorland

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

CHRIS Bonington, the mountaineer, yesterday led a march over moorland in the Northumberland National Park to protest at a threat to the landscape.

The Ministry of Defence is proposing to test heavier and longer-range artillery in the park and has increased manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain, mainly because of the loss of training areas in Germany as Britain's military presence there is wound down.

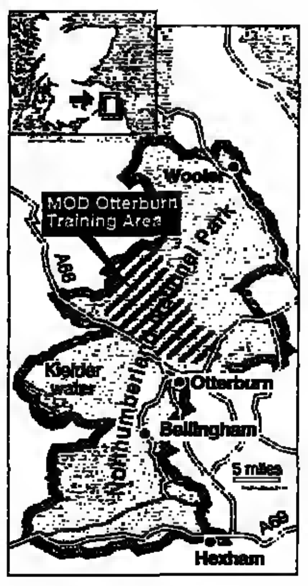
"National parks are designated for conservation and public enjoyment", said Mr Bonington, president of the Council for National Parks, a conservation lobby group. "The Army's proposals conflict with these purposes and should be the subject of a public inquiry."

The Defence Ministry is expected to submit a planning application next January. It will then be up to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to decide whether there should be an inquiry.

The countryside affected is the Otterburn Training Area, heather moorland covering 80 sq miles. Its southern boundary is 20 miles north of Hadrian's Wall.

The Army wants to use the terrain to train five regiments of the 19th Mechanised Brigade in live firing of 45-ton guns and multiple rocket launchers. These have a range of up to 18 miles, twice that of lighter, towed artillery.

The Army also wants to upgrade 30 miles of moorland roads and tracks, now consisting mainly of tar-sprayed stone chippings. These would be given strengthened foundations, covered in tarmac and widened. Twenty-two gun stands with approach roads would be built, as well as a vehicle repair area and housing for 725 men.



Roads take short cut

By Tim Jones, transport correspondent

THE Government plans to speed up its £19 billion road-building programme with "round-table conferences" to discuss contentious schemes.

John Watts, minister for public transport, said yesterday the conferences would not replace statutory public inquiries, nor diminish in any way the rights of objectors.

Under the plan, interested parties would be invited to the discussions in the hope of reaching a consensus.

Mr Watts said: "The conferences should shorten the time taken to reach decisions, reducing the period of uncertainty for people who might be affected by our proposals and help speed up the delivery of the roads programmes."

If the first trial run is anything to go by, the effectiveness of the conferences will be questionable.

Mr Watts admitted that at the conference into the Hereford bypass, previously held views were entrenched. "Although," he added, "most participants felt that they had been heard and the format allowed them to make a case rather than just oppose proposals."

The plans have already been rejected by an inspector after a public inquiry, and another inquiry seems inevitable.

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Scientists put ghosts under the microscope

By Nick Nuttall

■ A conference in Glasgow is discussing a range of phenomena previously consigned to the realm of "pseudo science"

REPORTS of ghostly apparitions cannot be dismissed as the rantings of the insane or the work of hoaxers, a senior clinical psychiatrist said yesterday.

Professor Ian Stevenson, of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, who has been studying reports of ghosts in Britain and the United States, said the people to whom the dead appeared had normal, healthy minds.

He said there appeared to be an explanation for the sightings which defied traditional science.

"Evidence for these kinds of experiences are too frequent to be dismissed," said Professor Stevenson, who cited studies claiming that 10-15 per cent of the population had seen apparitions.

The scientist, who has been studying cases dating back forty years in which someone who has died or is about to die appears to a close friend, said that these reports could be checked by scrutinising death certificates.

They could also be checked by carefully controlled interviews with the person and family involved.

"Studies of the mentally ill show they are not gifted in the same way. They may hear voices and see people but this is usually related to their mental illness . . . their claims cannot be substantiated," said Professor Stevenson. The psychiatrist was speaking at the opening of the Second European Conference of the Society for Scientific Exploration in Glasgow.

The three-day meeting, which has drawn respected scientists from fields including physics and astronomy as well as amateur enthusiasts, is examining evidence for phenomena dubbed "pseudo science", such as extra-sensory perception, unidentified flying objects, mysterious lights and corn circles.

Several speakers will be dealing with apparently paranormal mental powers.

Yesterday Dr Jessica Utts of the Department of Statistics at the University of California claimed they had found evidence of precognition — the theory that humans can glimpse the future.

The evidence comes from experiments in which volunteers were asked to press a button to choose numbers being randomly generated by a computer. Researchers found that some people could apparently "sense" when a string of zeros or ones was about to be generated.

Dr Lev Pyatnitsky, a physicist at the Russian Academy of Science's Institute of High Temperatures, has been studying the ability of people's minds to affect the environment. The tests have centred on tap water.

Light is shone through a test tube, highlighting clusters of water molecules. Dr Pyatnitsky said a study with 15 volunteers showed that six were somehow able to focus their minds on the water to "produce visible results".

"It is impossible but what we have seen is not chance. Statistically it is like tossing a coin and getting heads billions and billions of times," he said.

Peter Sturrock, a British-born professor of astrophysics at Stanford University and president of the Society for Scientific Exploration, said mainstream scientists too readily dismissed strange phenomena or the paranormal with giggles and sometimes violent opinions.

He said the topics were seen as heretical. "These are subjects of intense interest to society but not to mainstream scientists.

"What distinguishes the paranormal is that it has properties which run against normal understanding; so what's new? It happens all the time in astronomy," said Professor Sturrock. "They are a threat to established norms but we should be more open to the unknown. Universities, corporations and the media are conservative. But my plea is be open-minded not bloody-minded," he said.

A series of UFO sightings in Belgium will be discussed today by Dr Leon Brenig of the Free University in Brussels. The scientist said yesterday that since 1989 100,000 people had shared up to 10,000 sightings of "triangular shaped lights and structures in the sky" over Belgium cities and in the countryside.

Dr Brenig described the phenomenon as the biggest outbreak of UFO sightings since 1947. He said it was planned to use satellites to match sightings with images taken from space. He said rigorous science should be applied to the sightings.

Two years ago two Southampton men were unmasked as the pranksters behind some of the mysterious corn circles in fields which some had thought to be supernatural.

Yesterday, Robin Allen and Chris Nash, members of a group called The Wessex Sceptics and researchers at Southampton University, said that despite the demystification more were appearing this year.

Mr Nash said: "There seems to be a kind of earth art emerging with people keen to create ever more elaborate shapes. He said the craze of corn art had spread to many countries.

KEITH BERNSTEIN

Linda Chapman with her daughter Melanie. The operation to restore Linda's sight took only ten minutes

Blind woman sees daughter for first time

By Marianne Curphey

A 51-year-old woman who has been blind almost since birth has regained her sight after a ten-minute operation by Russian eye specialists aboard a floating clinic in Gibraltar.

Linda Chapman wept with joy yesterday when she saw her daughter Melanie, 29, for the first time after she had surgery at the Floks Eye Clinic ship.

British doctors had told Mrs Chapman there was no hope of her recovering the sight she lost when she was less than a year old, but her daughter persuaded her to make the journey to the ship, where 2,000 Britons have been successfully treated.

The trip cost her £3,000 and the operation involved implanting an artifical crystalline lens in one eye and delicate microsurgery on the other to remove a damaged lens.

Weeping and hugging her daughter, Mrs Chapman, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, said: "This is a miracle. I can hardly take it all in. I went to the ship expecting the doctors to say there was nothing they could do for me.

"When they took the wadding off I could see Melanie looking at me. I was so overwhelmed I have not been able to stop crying."

The surgeon, Dr Nadia Balinskaia, from the world-famous Moscow Eye Microsurgery Institute, performed the operation on board the *Peter the First*, the cruise ship moored at Gibraltar's Coaling Island.

The Floks Eye Clinic, set up by Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov, has treated more than 11,000 people since arriving in Gibraltar 18 months ago. More than 2,000 Britons have received treatment for conditions ranging from correcting short sight to more complex eye disorders.

Dr Balinskaia said: "It was a very complicated operation but the results have been spectacular. Just 24 hours after surgery Mrs Chapman had 70 per cent vision, where previously she had only 3 per cent. I had promised her only 40 to 50 per cent."

Mrs Chapman has only ever been able to see lights and colours. She had sought both NHS and private health advice but was told there was no cure.

Her daughter, who persuaded her to take the trip after hearing about the clinic on the radio, said: "When they took the bandages off, Mum just kept looking at me. She said 'You are lovely, Melanie, and if there was anyone I would like to be able to see it is you'. We both just cried."

KEITH BERNSTEIN

The operating theatre on board the floating clinic

'High flyer' stole to fund gambling

By A Staff Reporter

A "HIGH-FLYING" accountant stole more than £60,000 to fund his addiction to gambling after he was made redundant by the NHS, a court was told yesterday.

Robert Evans, 49, had also forged his wife's signature to obtain a £24,000 second mortgage on their home, Robert Duval, for the prosecution, told Gloucester Crown Court.

Evans pleaded guilty to eight charges of forgery and using a false instrument. He asked for 118 similar offences against his new employers, the Stagecoach West bus company, to be taken into consideration, as well as two counts of obtaining £24,000 by deception from his mortgage company.

Judge Hutton, jailing Evans for 21 months, told him: "You were holding responsible positions of financial controller and then financial manager with your employers and you committed serious breaches of trust." He said he was able to reduce the length of the sentence he would normally have imposed in such a case because of the background.

"You had achieved positions of responsibility from a comparatively lowly position through sheer hard work and determination," he said.

Mr Duval had told the court that Stagecoach West discovered the theft of £61,000 when they compared cheques written by Evans with the ledger he kept. He had forged the ledger and paid the cheques into his own account or used them to pay debts.

Alun Jenkins, for the defence, said Evans's problems stemmed from the day he was made redundant from the NHS, which he had joined straight from school and in which he was "properly described as a high flier", after Government reforms.

Evans, from Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, was now a ruined men. He was still suffering from the effects of a stroke and had not been forgiven by his family, who were nevertheless standing by him.

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Prison chief turns to US for help in drug battle

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

AN INTENSIVE drug treatment scheme pioneered in a New York State prison is being examined as a way of combating the drugs problem in English and Welsh prisons.

The Prison Service has studied the two-year programme at the Marcy Correction Facility and its apparent success in reducing reconviction rates amongst former inmates.

Initial reports suggest recidivism rates among former prisoners of about 25 per cent.

The scale of drug abuse in the 130 jails in England and Wales is not known, though Judge Stephen Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, has suggested that it is far more serious than the number of seizures would suggest.

He believes that in some jails prisoners offer others free drugs to induce a habit, while in almost all closed establishments pressure is applied to prisoners to smuggle drugs in during visits and on return from temporary release.

Last year 20 inmates were moved from the Verne jail at Portland, Dorset, in a crackdown on rival black and white drug gangs. Drugs were one factor behind a serious riot last September at Wymott jail in Lancashire which caused £20 million of damage.

Derek Lewis, director-general of the Prison Service, has visited Marcy in New York State to investigate the treatment it offers. As part of the anti-drug drive, ministers are also being urged to allow the issue of condoms among prisoners to stop the spread of HIV and Aids and to allow the distribution of needle sterilisation tablets in jails.

Officials in the Prison Service hope that Michael Forsyth, the new prisons minister, may be willing to sanction needle sterilisation but they believe that ministers will be reluctant to agree to the distribution of condoms.

But Mr Lewis believes that the service must offer rigorous programmes to combat drug abuse, providing inmates with help inside jail and after they have been released.

The two-year programme at Marcy begins as prisoners come towards the end of their sentences. After detoxification, they are given 200 hours of education about drugs, highlighting the consequences of drug-taking to both the individual and their family.

Prisoners then spend six months in a therapeutic community that aims to take them off drugs and, more importantly, to tackle their underlying behavioural problems.

About 15 prisoners gather in what are known as "clans" with a counsellor attached to each group. The prisoners themselves are expected to control their own group sessions, in which they discuss and criticise the behaviour of themselves and others. If a person within the group is being objectionable, others can complain and the person must defend his attitudes before the group in what is known as an "account session".

The "clan" meetings are run to rigid timetables in an attempt to instil discipline, and they begin early in the morning and continue late into the evening. One third of those going on the treatment drop out because they cannot cope and are immediately transferred back to the main part of the jail.

Phase two of the programme is moving prisoners into an open jail, enabling inmates to work in the community and come to terms with their imminent release.

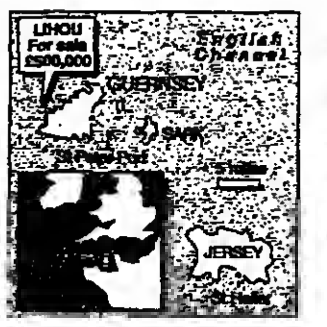
Mr Lewis believes the programme at Marcy offers much more than anything currently provided in jails in England and Wales, and that a pilot scheme would cost as little as £3,000 a prisoner a year.

☐ Prison officers guarding illegal immigrants in a special unit at Rochester Prison, Kent, say their lives are at risk after a series of attacks in the past four weeks in which seven officers have been assaulted.

ROBIN MORGAN

Robin and Patricia Borwick will soon be saying farewell to the solitude and magical quality of Lihou, their Channel Island home since 1983

Modern Crusoe forced to halve price of island



A LLOYD'S name is being forced to cut the price of his island hideaway by £500,000 for a fast sale (Rachel Kelly writes).

Robin Borwick, a writer who bought 40-acre Lihou, the smallest inhabited Channel Island, in 1983 for £274,000, originally put it up for sale in July 1991 with an asking price of £1 million. The island, a mile off the southwest coast of Guernsey and linked to it by a causeway at low tide, abounds in different species of grasses, lichens, ferns and wild flowers. It also contains the ruins of a 12th-century Benedictine priory and the remains of a small watchtower built during the Napoleonic wars to give warning of invasion by sea.

Mr Borwick and his wife Patricia, who refer to Lihou as their "magical" island, were the first people in modern times to make a permanent home there. They originally decided to sell because of Mr Borwick's health, but being a Lloyd's name has also meant that owning an island as well as a home in England has become a luxury. They have since moved back to England to be closer to their family and the island is being looked after in their absence.

The five-bedroom house on the island was rebuilt in the 1970s using granite from the original farmhouse, destroyed during the Second World War. There are a number of out-buildings. Knight Frank & Rutley, the agents for the sale, said that they had been close to selling the island on three occasions, but now hoped to attract extra interest.

Cruel sheep farmer banned

A FARMER was banned for life from keeping sheep and fined £5,000 after dozens of carcases of sheep which had died of neglect were found on his land.

Winston Tucker, 43, admitted more than 80 offences of cruelty when he appeared yesterday before magistrates at Okehampton, Devon. He was ordered to pay £13,161 costs.

The offences happened between September 1993 and February this year at Tucker's 300-acre Jay's Barton Farm at St Giles on the Heath, west Devon. The court was shown a video in which some of the sheep had been dead for weeks and were little more than wool and bones. Many others were lame, and three had to be put down.

Martin Meeke, prosecuting for Devon County Council's trading standards department, said Tucker claimed a Government subsidy of more than £37,000 a year for his flocks.

During visits by Ministry of Agriculture vets, Tucker said he regularly inspected the sheep. But Mr Meeke said that there was constant neglect. On one visit the carcases of 30 sheep and a cow were seen floating in a waterlogged pit. On another, a recently excavated pit was found to contain 20 sheep carcases covered by sheets of iron.

Michael Brabin, for the defence, told the court that Tucker was not a heartless man. Over the past ten years his business had been buying old Welsh hill ewes, putting them to lamb and selling them the following year. They would often be going to the abattoir anyway, he said.

Tucker was fined £300 in 1987 for causing suffering to 150 sheep, and fined in 1992 for similar offences.

'Shock' may cure fits

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

BRAIN pacemakers may one day be used to prevent epileptic fits, according to researchers in America.

Just as heart pacemakers can control the erratic beating of the heart, small electrical discharges into the brain could be a way to maintain its normal function. A team from the Children's National Medical Centre in Washington DC report in the magazine *Nature* that electrical pulses have been used to control the behaviour of slices of rat brain in culture.

In a normal brain electrical discharges occur in an irregular and unpredictable way, an example of a naturally chaotic system. Sometimes, however, they can be triggered by means not fully understood into more regular and periodic behaviour. The brain patterns observed during epileptic seizures are of this more regular kind.

Dr Duc Duong, of the research team, said: "In the future, hopefully, we can have some kind of electrode that would lay on top of the brain and whenever there is a seizure it can stop it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl loses leg outside care home

An inquiry has been launched after a 13-year-old girl lost a leg when she was run over by a hit-and-run motorist after staying out of a local authority children's home until 1am.

Rebecca Mughal was crushed between the car and the wall of Oakhill Children's Home in Harborne, Birmingham. She had been talking to friends. The driver and three passengers ran away, leaving a man aged 22 trapped in the car.

Doctors at Birmingham General Hospital were forced to amputate Rebecca's leg.

Police are now questioning three men and looking for two others. Children who saw the crash are being counselled.

Not cricket

The Vaux Northern League has banned two Australian cricketers from the St Anne's club in Lancashire for life. Chris Sainsbury and Stuart McGill's swearing and abuse brought a match against Kendal to a halt last month.

Beach body

An off-duty police officer found the body of a man on the beach at East Preston, West Sussex, after an empty dinghy containing a bottle of Bacardi sparked an air and sea search.

QE2 charge

A waiter on the *QE2*, Mario Balaban, 31, was remanded on bail by magistrates at Southampton accused of raping a 24-year-old woman on the liner in June.

Stab death

A boy of 14 was being questioned by police after Iftakhir Ali, 15, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, died after being stabbed in the Heaton district of the city.

Bee sting

Police are looking for thieves who made off with 12 hives, complete with bees and honey worth £1,500, from Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Health kick

Calderdale council health workers in West Yorkshire are taking so much sick leave that they are to be sent on a keep-fit course.

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Russian 'secret city' admits uranium stolen by civilians

From Richard Beeston in arzamas-16

ONE of Russia's most prestigious and highly guarded "secret cities" has admitted that its security was seriously breached this week when two civilians stole and then attempted to smuggle out a large consignment of low-grade uranium.

Arzamas-16, the country's top military nuclear complex, was apparently targeted by two unemployed men arrested on Sunday with 21lb of non-weapons grade uranium 238.

"As far as I am aware this is the first incident of its kind that we have had here," said Valentin Mamyshev, the city's acting Mayor, who rebutted calls for tighter security.

Arzamas-16 is still not located on Russian maps. The main access road is signposted "Dead End". The perimeter is secured by armed sentries.

Nevertheless, scores of travellers were given only a cursory check by young army conscripts manning the security gates. Even an informal market, selling fruit and car parts, had been erected at the entrance, which is still officially off limits.

The city of more than 80,000 is the most prestigious of the ten "secret cities" built in Russia during the Cold War to develop and manufacture atomic weapons. It was at Arzamas-16 that Andrei Sakharov, the late Russian dissident and nuclear physicist, developed the first Soviet hydrogen bomb in 1953.

But with the Cold War's end and collapse of the Soviet Union the thousands of scientists and technicians employed there had no future. The first signal that the system was breaking down came last year when the previously well-supplied community broke its silence and appealed for help. In an open letter dated June 10, the scientists warned of another Chernobyl and threatened industrial action if they did not receive emergency funding. Last week the city was identified by Euratom, the European nuclear regulatory agency, as one of three suspected sources of stolen plutonium seized in Germany in May.

Ian Duncan-Smith, page 14

India raises alarm on Pakistani bomb claim

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

Mian Nawaz Sharif telling the Kashmir meeting on Tuesday that Pakistan possessed the nuclear bomb

INDIA reacted angrily last night to a claim by Mian Nawaz Sharif, the former Pakistani Prime Minister, that his country possessed a nuclear bomb. It said its fears about Pakistan's nuclear programme had been vindicated and that South Asia and the world should be concerned.

The Pakistani government sought to discredit Mr Sharif's remarks, insisting that he was being irresponsible in trying to embarrass Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister. His comments assumed a more ominous dimension because they were made in Kashmir, regarded by the Central Intelligence Agency as the world's most probable nuclear battleground.

Given the blurred distinction between rhetoric and reality in Pakistani politics, Mr Sharif's assertion cannot be taken as firm evidence that a nuclear bomb is primed and ready. Nevertheless, his comments will have serious political implications.

His speech in a remote area of "Azad" (Free) Kashmir, in which he also claimed Pakistan had funded Kashmiri separatists in India, makes it impossible for Miss Bhutto to be conciliatory on Kashmir or the nuclear issue. Aseff Ahmed Ali, the Foreign Minister, accused Mr Sharif, ousted last year after 30 months in power, of acting for "petty ends". He added that India would use the former Prime Minister's remarks "to implicate Pakistan in the plutonium scandal", a reference to suspicions by German authorities that Pakistan was involved in an alleged plot to smuggle plutonium from Germany.

In Delhi, a statement said Mr Sharif's anti-Indian rhetoric threatening nuclear war against it had now lifted the curtain of ambiguity about the purpose of Pakistan's nuclear programme.

☐ Cape Town: South Afric is testing a laser-based uranium enrichment process and could close a deal with a Western power within weeks to build a pilot plant to produce nuclear fuel for export. The new process could increase the value of its uranium exports by 200 to 250 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Bonn uncovers nuclear leaks at military bases

From Roger Boyes in Berlin

NUCLEAR materials have been stolen not only from Russia but also from Russian military bases in Germany. A senior investigator in the Federal Criminal Office, Jürgen Stoltenow, confirmed yesterday that radioactive strontium 90, uranium 235 and small quantities of thorium were seized in recent months by the German police.

One of the confiscated samples came from a former East German company which used nuclear materials for measuring purposes; others appeared to originate in Russian army bases in Germany. The German authorities, partly as a result of these disclosures, are starting to spread their investigations beyond Russia. German detectives say that the 300 grams of plutonium seized this month at Munich airport almost certainly come from the Tomsk 7 plant in Siberia.

The Social Democratic opposition — and Russian negotiators — are now urging Bonn to put pressure on other former Soviet states. Karsten Voigt, the opposition's foreign policy spokesman, said yesterday: "The Bonn government has yet to explain why it is not seeking anti-nuclear smuggling agreements with other nuclear states, such as Ukraine, Belorussia and Kazakhstan."

The leaks on German territory are of relatively small quantities and almost certainly do not involve plutonium. But they have raised the fear that Russian officers, who are due to leave eastern Germany by the end of the month, have been striking deals with smugglers. There is already considerable evidence that Russian conventional weapons have been "lost" during the military withdrawal over the past year and have ended up on the black market.

So far German investigators have been sceptical about the claims of one arrested Stuttgart-based nuclear salesman that there may be as much as 150kg of weapons-grade nuclear material in illegal circulation in Europe. But the claims are more plausible if the radioactive substances were already in Germany, under the technical, secretive, but potentially corrupt supervision of the Russian army.

Although the Germans still cannot agree on whether the intelligence services or the police should mastermind the fight against nuclear smuggling, the search has become so intensive that many potential dealers have switched their trading venues. One would-be smuggler arrested in Helsinki this week told police he was originally going to negotiate a sale in Germany but the controls there have become too strict.

The most nagging question remains the identity of the nuclear customers. The private RTL television station has produced documents, including a letter of credit, indicating that the Iraqis were in the market. The newspaper *Bild* claimed yesterday that two of the smugglers arrested at Munich airport this month had connections with ETA, the Basque separatist organisation. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, told German officials this week that Iran, or Iranian-backed groups, were also in the market for nuclear material.

Voigt: called for nuclear anti-smuggling deals

The chief problem is distinguishing between real customers and speculative middlemen, as well as between real salesmen and confidence tricksters. German police said yesterday that out of 241 cases of suspected nuclear smuggling reported last year, 118 were the work of swindlers with no access to nuclear substances.

Ukraine plays down Sevastopol split

From Anatol Lieven in Moscow

A GLOOMY Ukraine celebrated its third year of independence yesterday under the new leadership of President Kuchma. He has vowed to reverse economic decline and improve links with Russia, but on the eve of the anniversary Sevastopol in Crimea declared itself Russian territory, renewing confrontation fears.

Since his election two months ago, Leonid Kuchma has sought to defuse the fears of Ukrainian nationalists by committing himself to full independence. On Monday he denied a report that he was prepared to agree to a union with Russia, Belorussia and Kazakhstan.

Mr Kuchma's mild response to the Sevastopol declaration contrasts with the rhetoric which would have come from the previous Ukrainian administration of President Kravchuk. Mr Kuchma's spokesman declared the decision illegal, but said the President will "act reasonably so as not to derail talks between Moscow and Kiev".

In an interview published yesterday, Mr Kuchma said "elections have shown the majority of Ukrainians stand for active economic and political links with Russia". He said Ukrainian nationalists who broke ties with other former Soviet republics in the hope of closer links with the West had "indulged in political chicanery and deceived their own people".

In a message to Mr Kuchma, President Yeltsin of Russia said a coming summit between them would lead to "a qualitatively new stage in relations. The settlement of the long dispute over the Black Sea fleet now appears close".

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Hard economic realities driving refugees to embark on dream of freedom

Raft mania mounts as Cubans risk voyage to nowhere

FROM ALEX HOLMES IN HAVANA

"I AM not brave, I just want to take my freedom," said Vicente Torres as he puts the finishing touches to his raft. It is a pathetic construction of old inner tubes and half-rotten planks which looks like it will not reach the mouth of the bay, far less the Florida coast 90 miles away.

Señor Torres and his five companions are among the hundreds who set out each day from the small town of Cojimar, east of Havana, for Miami. The American Coast Guard says that more than half die in the attempt to cross the sometimes rough seas in withering heat.

Small rafts are being built outside houses all along the north coast of Cuba. This activity has taken on a manic quality with some people carrying or dragging their boats to the shore. Señor Torres's raft is better than most as it includes a length of canvas while others venture out on pieces of polystyrene and a couple of planks. Their survival chances are slim.

These are the acts of desperate people. "We are poor. There is not enough in Cuba to live on. We have no food, no shoes, no clothes." Señor Torres says he is taking only a little bread and water with him for a journey which he hopes will take two or three days. He will use the rest of his money to buy rope for his raft which he feels is more important than food for his survival.

Señor Torres has wanted to go to America for 15 years. Less than a week ago he would have been treated as one of the most privileged refugees in the world, welcomed by US immigration and given American citizenship within a year.

All that changed last Friday when President Clinton announced a harder line on Cuba as the flow of refugees swelled. His first measure was to renounce the special right of Cubans to asylum in the United States. The thousands trying to cross the sea were to be picked up in international waters and taken to the US naval base at Guantánamo on the eastern tip of Cuba.

This move has done little to dampen the optimism of people like Señor Torres. "We don't think we will be taken to Guantánamo. They have too many people there already. We will live in Miami. I think they will allow us to stay."

There is no evidence to support this optimism. On the first day of Mr Clinton's new policy, the US Coast Guard picked up 661 Cubans, and radio stations broadcasting to Cuba from Miami repeatedly warn refugees not to make the crossing. But this is optimism born of desperation.

On the shore a crowd has gathered to see the latest departure. The man in charge of the raft says he knows that the journey is dangerous but that it is more dangerous to stay. The crowd disperses leaving the man's wife alone, weeping, as she watches him disappear over the horizon on his raft with his son and five other people. It is clear that, whatever the fate of her husband and son, she does not expect to see them again.

The conditions which have driven these Cubans to such desperate measures seem likely to get worse. Restrictions on Cubans in Miami sending money to their relatives on the island are the most serious of Mr Clinton's new sanctions. These gifts are Cuba's fourth largest source of income and the curbs will curtail even further the Cuban government's ability to buy essential imports.

While the situation gets worse the tide of migrants will continue and the frustration increase. But Cubans have known hardship before and allegiance to President Castro is still strong. His appearance at demonstrations earlier this month was sufficient to quell unrest. The tightening of American sanctions will strengthen the resolve of some Cubans and increase the siege mentality. However, Jorge Martínez, who is building a boat for the journey to Miami, said: "I think it is the beginning of the end for this regime ... and I do not want to be here when the end comes."

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A boatload of Cuban refugees awaiting rescue by the US Coast Guard yesterday in the Straits of Florida, about 15 miles off Key West

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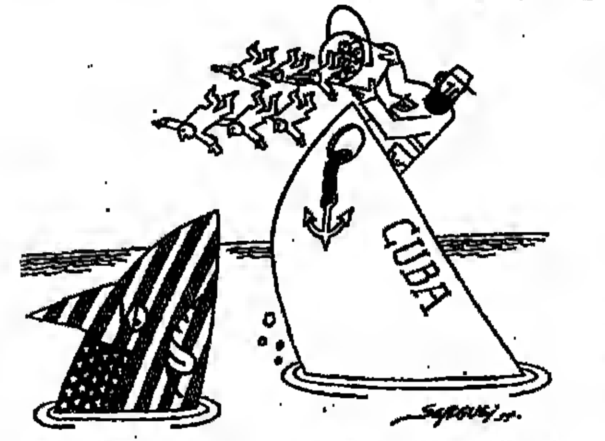

How Serguei in the French newspaper *Le Monde* sees the two sides in the Cuban boat people crisis

US eases immigration rules to stem exodus

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is to liberalise immigration rules in an attempt to stanch the flow of refugees setting sail from Cuba.

The new policy was decided in Washington as the numbers of boat people reached a 24-hour record of 3,253. This is almost as many as the 3,656 who were picked up in all of 1993, and there is no sign of any let-up in the hundreds of makeshift craft in the Straits of Florida.

Under existing rules, the annual quota of nearly 28,000 legal immigrants from Cuba to the United States has never been filled. In the past year only 2,059 were accepted. Under the new plan, broader categories of Cubans will be encouraged to undergo the time-consuming and bureaucratic process of applying through the US government office in Cuba.

The change is a victory of sorts for President Castro, who has complained that the American failure to fill its immigration slots had encouraged Cubans to leave illegally. Dr Castro continues to embarrass President Clinton by making no effort to stop the thousands still massing on Cuba's beaches for the perilous sea passage that now ends in capture by the US Coast Guard and navy, followed by shipment to the US naval base at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba.

Dr Castro may be trying to provoke Washington into a dialogue to ease the hardships imposed on Cuba by the total embargo on trade with the United States.

After Mr Clinton held a national security meeting on the issue, officials said they still hoped that the flow of Cubans would dry up once they understood that boat people would never be settled in the United States and that they faced an uncertain future in Guantánamo or in another Caribbean country. When the same option was announced in July for Haitians, the numbers of boat people dwindled to nothing in less than a week. Until now Cubans have enjoyed the guarantee of political asylum in the United States.

The hunt for other nations to accept the Cubans was going more slowly than Washington had hoped, showing a reluctance by Third World governments to get involved. Agreement with Britain over the use of a camp in the Turks and Caicos Islands as a temporary shelter for 2,000 Cubans was said to be close.

The US Coast Guard, struggling to cope with the flow of refugees, has summoned reinforcement vessels from as far away as the West Coast and the Great Lakes.

Tourists die in hail of bullets

Rabat: Two Spanish tourists were shot dead and a third wounded in a luxury Moroccan hotel yesterday when masked robbers sprayed the lobby with gunfire. Officials said the two gunmen had tried unsuccessfully to overpower the cashier of the Atlas-Asni Hotel in Marrakesh. They then commandeered a nearby parked car and took its woman owner hostage; she was released 15 minutes later.

The motives of the gunmen were unclear. The Spaniards were on holiday. *(Reuter)*

Day tripper

Vulcano: Antonio Baroni, an Italian tourist, 46, was rescued with a broken leg and bruises after he tripped and fell into the steaming crater of a dormant volcano on this Aeolian island off Sicily. *(Reuter)*

Stalker jailed

Los Angeles: Todd Michael Lawrence, 26, who stalked Madonna, the pop star, for two weeks, claimed to be her husband and climbed over a fence at her home, has been jailed for a year. *(AFP)*

Prisoners riot

Hermosillo: A prison warden was shot dead and at least 14 inmates were injured in a jail riot in this northern Mexican city. Officials claimed the riot was now under control. *(AP)*

Elbowed out

Jerusalem: Rabbi Moshe Bitan has ruled that women who expose their elbows, even in sweltering heat, give their husbands sufficient reason for a divorce. *(Reuter)*

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Fujimori strips ambitious wife of her official role

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

PERUVIANS were riveted yesterday by a new twist in the marital squabble between their First Lady, Susana Higuchi, and President Fujimori, which is providing a dramatic prelude to next year's general election campaign.

Visibly upset by remarks his wife made about his "authoritarian" style of leadership, and her public admission that she wants to run against her husband in April's presidential race, President Fujimori retaliated. He announced in a televised address that he was stripping his wife of her official duties as First Lady.

"From now on Señora Higuchi can carry out her political activities in open opposition to the government when and where she pleases, like any citizen, but not as First Lady," he said.

For Peruvians, this real-life soap opera is especially intriguing because it threatens to set the tone for the forthcoming elections and also presents a constitutional crisis. Señora Higuchi is challenging a law imposed by her husband which forbids the family and spouses of the President from running for the presidency.

"Everyone is wondering whether she is going to divorce him to get her way, but no one knows what's going to happen," one television commentator said.

The row began when Señora Higuchi, who uses her maiden name, is said to have moved out of the presidential palace in central Lima three weeks ago to stay with friends. Peru's tabloid newspapers speculated that she may have left the palace because her husband had an affair with his secretary. Adding to the drama, President Fujimori took three of his four children and went to sleep in the army headquarters.

Señora Higuchi, who is a civil engineer and owns her own construction company, was driven more by political ambitions. She has accused her husband of corruption and criticised him for having "bad people" in his government. Surprisingly in Peru's macho society, her comments have drawn massive support.

The attacks come at a sensitive time. President Fujimori had only recently shrugged off mistrust for his actions in 1992 when he dissolved democratic institutions in Peru. In recent months he has claimed success for stabilising the economy and ending guerrilla violence by the Maoist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) rebels.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the former UN Secretary-General, is due to announce his candidacy in the 1995 elections when he returns after decades away from his native country. Señora Higuchi managed to annoy her husband further when she welcomed Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's entry into the campaign.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar may come against the same tribulations faced by the novelist, Mario Vargas Llosa, who returned from a career abroad to run in Peru's last elections in 1990. He lost to President Fujimori after trying to run a Western-style campaign in a country where drama, false promises and cheating have characterised elections.

Higuchi: ambitious

Argentine fish plea dismissed

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITISH officials yesterday expressed "regret" at the protest delivered to the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires by Argentina over the extension of the fishing exclusion zone around the Falkland Islands.

Guido di Tella, the Argentine Foreign Minister, handed a note of protest to Peter Hall in response to the announcement in Port Stanley on Monday that patrol vessels will immediately begin policing an area of 547 square miles of sea at the point where Argentine and Falklands fishery zones intersect. The seas are especially rich in illex squid.

Señor di Tella also criticised as "somewhat autistic" remarks by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who said there was "nothing to negotiate" over the islands. Mr Howard is visiting Latin America to look at ways of dealing with the drug problem. British officials expressed irritation with the Argentine protest, which they put down to domestic political pressure.

The order to start patrolling as area of sea known as "The Gap", until now not policed by either country, does not extend the Falklands' 200-mile exclusion zone but has been made to stop poachers, mainly Russian and Japanese, using it as a haven from which to make raids into the 200-mile zones off the Falklands or Argentina. Until now Britain did not patrol the seas at the northern intersection of the two zones because Argentina had not fixed the limits of its territorial waters. That ambiguity has now been resolved.

British officials deny that the move was related to renewed claims to the Falklands made by Argentina in its new constitution. Argentina, however, said the move could jeopardise Anglo-Argentine co-operation in preserving fish stocks in the South Atlantic.

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Korean 'Dear Leader' faces power struggle

■ Kim Jong Il may not be enjoying a smooth succession in North Korea, but only reunification is likely to topple the monolithic state, **Gwen Robinson** reports

A POWER struggle is under way in North Korea for the succession to the late President Kim Il Sung, according to Russian sources.

Yevgeni Bazhanov, deputy head of the Academy of Foreign Affairs in the Russian Foreign Ministry, said he believed the North Korean regime would fall, even if it began economic reforms. But Pyongyang remains placid and its citizens convinced that a smooth handover to his son, Kim Jong Il, will be effected within the next two months. Publicly there is no evidence of a leadership struggle, though German diplomats reported the distribution of anti-Kim Jong Il leaflets in the diplomatic quarter of Pyongyang.

A North Korean radio broadcast gave a warning that "acts of betrayal by ambitious persons and conspirators" could undermine the ruling party prior to the transition.

Politics is the focus of passengers' gossip on the ten-hour train journey to Pyongyang from Peking. "Life can be very hard in North Korea," confides a businessman. "I know what people say about our society, but much of it is untrue, and anyway it is my home. Life will become better when our country is reunified, but as you may know our nation is in deep mourning over the tragic death of our great leader, Kim Il Sung." Questions about the succession of Kim Jong Il deepen the conspiratorial air: "We cannot say what will happen right now, but I believe the Dear Leader [the customary title for Kim Jong Il] is in control," he says.

Kim Jong Il: taking up his father's legacy

Just before the mandatory stop for a customs search at the border town of Sinuiju, the North Koreans change into suits and don their Kim Il Sung lapel badges. The badges are not for sale to foreigners, but for local citizens, from gardeners and labourers to shop assistants and officials, putting on the Great Leader badge every morning is part of the daily routine.

There are already signs that Kim Jong Il is moving to bolster his image among the people by hitching himself more firmly than ever to his father's legacy. Two weeks in the country is enough to see that "Kim Il Sungism" is alive and well, in spite of the growing economic malaise.

One can sense, but ultimately can only guess at, the level of social control in the society. Clearly the key to perpetuating the megalithic and now dynastic regime nurtured by Kim Il Sung is isolation. The society frequently has been likened to a school of worshippers in a vast charismatic religion which exists in an almost complete vacuum of information from the outside world.

Nearly six weeks after the Great Leader's death, this frenzied quasi-religious fervour was still washing around the base of the towering bronze figure of Kim Il Sung in central Pyongyang, as small children and adults in rows 20-deep surged up the steps in waves to lay flowers and wail and whimper over the death of their god.

In North Korea, however, this particular god is bound to live on, at least until a predicted economic collapse, or until reunification brings in forces beyond the Dear Leader's control.

Roh Soh Yeong, the daughter of South Korea's former President, entering court in Seoul yesterday to face questions about alleged currency smuggling

Currency case nets ex-leader' daughter

FROM REUTER IN SEOUL

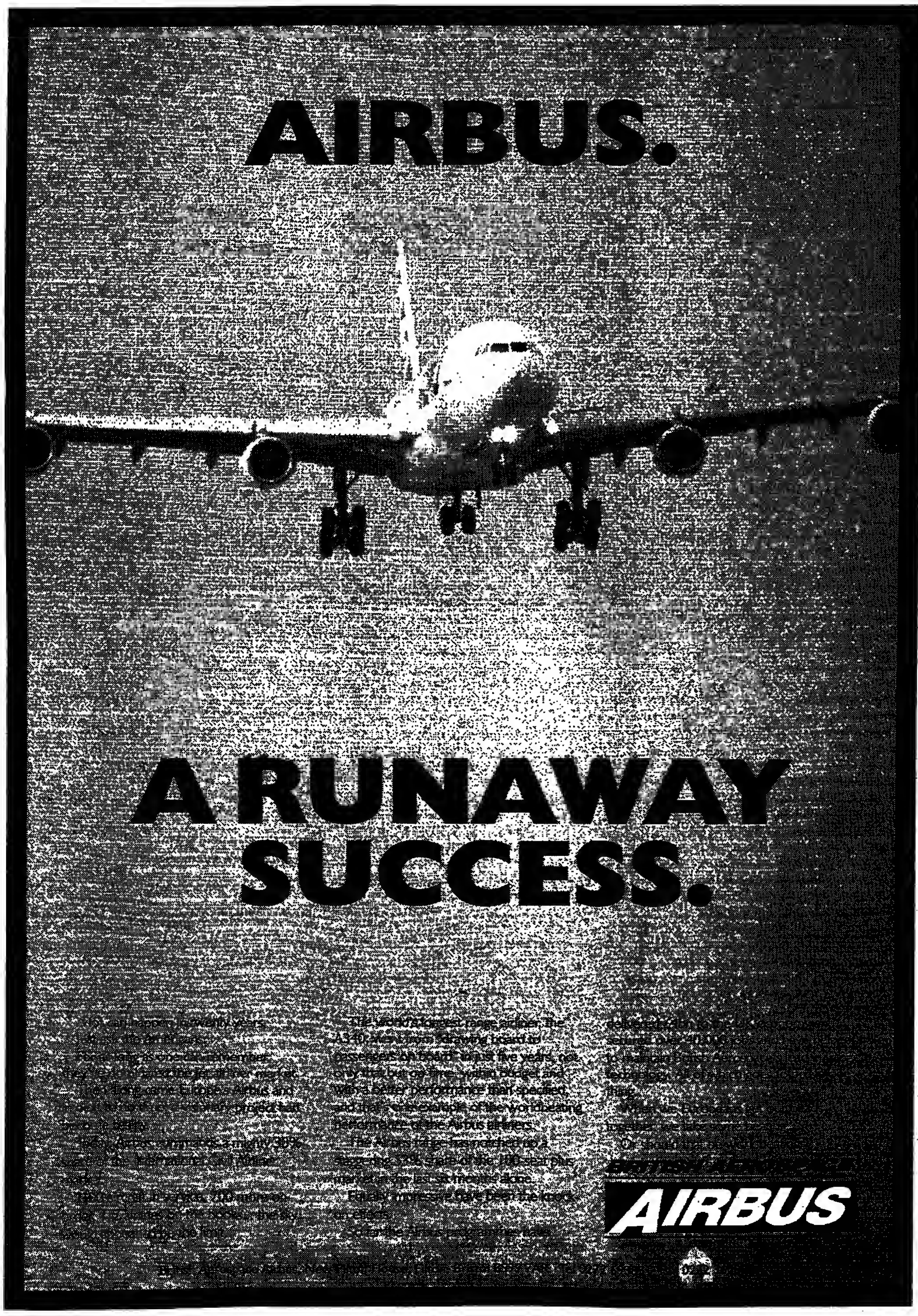
SOUTH Korean prosecurs yesterday questioned e daughter and son-in-lawof former President Roh e Woo over allegations at they smuggled foreign crrency out of the country.

An official at the Seal district prosecutor's offe said Mr Roh's daughter, Rh Soh Yeong, and her husbad, Chey Tae Won, were suspted of smuggling abt $200,000 (£130,000).

He said the investigatin followed the couple's convtion last year in the Unitd States for breaking curreny laws. The couple, who turned from the Unitd States on Sunday, had denid any wrongdoing.

South Korea operates strt exchange-control laws, baning the export of more tha $10,000 a year unles authorised.

Since Mr Roh steppe down in February last yea his successor, Kim Youn Sam, has led an anti-corrution drive that has nette dozens of prominent figures



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Corrupt army boosts image of Khmer Rouge

BY JAMES PRINGLE, ASIA CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Hun Sen, Cambodia's Second Prime Minister, toured the countryside recently to talk to soldiers about their livelihood, he was stricken by despair — according to his aides, he could hardly find any ordinary soldiers, they were all officers.

In fact, the government recently appointed 2,000 generals and 10,000 colonels to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces. "This was done because factions in the government owed these people favours but could not give them cash, so they did the next best thing — gave them the means to make some money," according to a diplomat in Phnom Penh. "Basically they do that by ripping people off, including poor rural people."

About a year ago the Khmer Rouge seemed to be heading for trouble. Having boycotted last year's United Nations-sponsored elections, which resulted in the creation of a coalition government, the Khmer Rouge appeared to have missed the opportunity to share power and began experiencing defections from its disciplined ranks. However, in February and March the government overreached itself after it tried to drive the Khmer Rouge out of its strongholds in northern Cambodia and around the gem-rich region around Pailin, the unofficial Khmer Rouge capital in northwest Cambodia.

Victorious government officers flew their wives by helicopter to Pailin to grab prize sapphires and rubies instead of evacuating soldiers wounded in the battle. Their roles in looting instead of organising a defence saw the Khmer Rouge quickly regrouping in April and driving them out. Since then, the Khmer Rouge has expanded its recruiting area and has been able to replenish its ranks; some of those who had crossed over to the government side have reportedly rejoined the guerrillas.

There is no immediate threat that the Khmer Rouge, which has about 12,000 men and controls about 15 per cent of Cambodian territory, is about to take over in Cambodia again. "It is not that the Khmer Rouge is doing so well, but that the democratically elected Phnom Penh government and its army are doing so badly," said a Western diplomat in Bangkok. "Corruption has reached the stage it was in the earlier war [in the 1970s] and this is playing into Khmer Rouge hands."

The Khmer Rouge has resorted to taking hostages and is currently holding Mark Slater, 28, a Briton, David Wilson, 29, an Australian, and Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, a Frenchman. Although the Khmer Rouge said yesterday that it had dropped ransom demands, it wants Western countries such as France, Australia and America to drop plans to give the Cambodian government military aid.

"The Khmer Rouge says it doesn't demand a ransom any more but it demands that powerful countries halt (military) aid," said Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister. On Monday he had banned all diplomats and foreign media from Kampot province, where the hostages are being held, saying they were thwarting government efforts to win the hostages' release.

The government has since passed legislation to outlaw the Khmer Rouge. But, according to one Phnom Penh-based envoy, "the Cambodians are in deep trouble either way". He said: "They can bring the tiger back into the fold with all that implies, or the war can continue with the killing, refugees and landmines."

Slater: held hostage

'Comfort women' refused pay-out

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

TOMIICHI Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, offered yesterday to set up a vocational training institute as an apology to Filipina "comfort women" forced to serve as sex slaves for Japanese troops during the Second World War.

Kishichiro Amae, a spokesman for Mr Murayama, ruled out direct monetary compensation. He said the offer of projects such as the training institute for women was part of Japan's reassessment of its history, which will include coming to terms with atrocities committed in many Asian countries by Japanese occupation forces.

In a briefing for reporters after talks between the Japanese leader and President Ramos of the Philippines, the spokesman said the Japanese government was to "deliver the true historical facts to the younger generation", referring to corrections being made in school textbooks that had blanked out Japanese atrocities in China and colonial rule in Korea.

Tokyo was also intending to support various exchange programmes among the youth of Asia to contribute to peace and friendship.

President Ramos had raised the issue of comfort women, saying that it was a "dark cloud in the sky between the two countries".

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Rise in bloodletting as Burundi peace deadline draws near

FROM SAM KILEY IN BUJUMBURA

RELIEF workers, fearful of a resurgence in ethnic slaughter between Hutus and Tutsis, sent their families out of Burundi to safety in Kenya yesterday and foreign donors threatened to cut off aid. The rest of the country held its breath while politicians struggled to find a new President in advance of tomorrow's deadline.

This may be Burundi's last chance to set up a government after five months of rudderless drifting amid growing clashes between Hutus and Tutsis which have resulted in at least two massacres since April.

Last October Burundi was awash in blood from up to 250,000 people murdered in three weeks after the killing of Melchior Ndadaye, the first democratically elected President, by the Tutsi-dominated army. Political assassinations and ethnically inspired murders are increasing steadily, and prompted Ould Abdullah, the head of the United Nations in Bujumbura, the capital, to tell government and opposition leaders that they appeared to "understand and love nothing but death".

Meanwhile, the impoverished country has staggered along under the caretaker presidency of Sylvestre Ntibantuganya, from the Front for Democracy in Burundi party. Opposition leaders from the Tutsi-dominated Union for National Progress have blocked attempts to set up a credible regime until it gets between 40 and 60 per cent of all senior posts.

Last week Tutsi youths brought Bujumbura to a standstill in protest against the government and in support of the formation of an ultra-hardline Tutsi party under the former dictator, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza.

Yesterday the negotiations over who should be head of state were characterised by an air of extraordinary indifference to the future. But the dangers were highlighted before dawn. The few access roads to the mountains east of the capital were jammed with Hutus tramping to work, driven out of their homes in the city by the army and Tutsi extremists. "We dare not stay at home," said one well-dressed office clerk who spends his night hiding like an animal in the hills. "In fact, mine has been destroyed, so I cannot anyway."

The army has cleared several Hutu-dominated shanty settlements of almost all people from that tribe. These Hutus may, as they have done before, strike pre-emptively against Tutsi civilians. The result would be another round of mutual slaughter.

"It is staggering," one Western diplomat said. "These politicians are essentially facing the axe, and yet they continue to squabble over nothing. They seem to be bent on chaos."

Western countries have threatened the impoverished country with a block on financial support unless a new President is installed by the weekend. Many diplomats have accused the opposition parties of deliberately trying to provoke the Hutus into killing Tutsis so that they can unleash the army in a counter-offensive to rid Burundi of its Hutus.

Robert Kreuger, the American Ambassador, told the country in a television address that "a small number of extremists are putting their own greed and desire for power ahead of the needs of their country".

☐ **Bukavu, Zaire:** Five looters, believed to be Zaireans, who were caught stealing food, have been hacked to death by an angry crowd of Rwandan refugees in Kapale camp, north of Goma, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Helped by members of the staff at the Marineland dolphinarium at Antibes on the French Riviera yesterday, the Duchess of York and her daughters, Eugenie, left, and Beatrice, feed fish to two captive killer whales

Hairs from murder site linked to Simpson

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

HAIRS from a knitted cap found near the bodies of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman matched those on O. J. Simpson's scalp, according to news reports that came as another blow to the Simpson defence.

FBI tests showed that the hairs from the murder scene were similar if not identical to Mr Simpson's. The news followed Monday's disclosure that blood DNA analysis also appeared to put Mr Simpson at the scene of the murders of his former wife and her friend.

The former footballer's lawyers fought back with an attack on investigators' methods. One legal observer said it was a dress rehearsal for the trial next month.

As the weight of circumstantial evidence against Mr Simpson mounted, defence attorney Gerald Uelman accused the prosecution of having "a sophisticated game plan to burn up the evidence without giving the defence the opportunity to test it".

While Mr Uelman alleged that police may have contaminated samples, a DNA specialist hired by the defence forced a police technician to admit he had mislabelled a sample, while another assigned to the Simpson case said she was only a trainee with six months' experience.

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Far-right Bonn 'pact' stirs revolt

Berlin: The political career of Franz Schönhuber, the former *Waffen SS* member who leads the far-right Republican Party, seemed close to collapse yesterday after a possible pact with the extreme nationalist group, the German People's Union, triggered a revolt among Republicans. Herr Schönhuber denied that he was forming any alliance.

Rocard to quit

Paris: Michel Rocard, the former Socialist Prime Minister, will resign as mayor of Conflans Sainte-Honorine, signalling his apparent retirment from politics, an aide said. *(AFP)*

Syrian poll

Damascus: The ruling coalition of President Assad, headed by the Baath Party, is expected to win Syria's parliamentary elections in which voting continues today. *(AFP)*

Abiola attack

Lagos: Chief Moshood Abiola, Nigeria's presidential claimant, attacked the country's military rulers in a message on his 57th birthday from jail, where he is awaiting trial for treason. *(Reuter)*

Needle threat

Paris: Police are warning customers at bank cash-machines to be on guard against drug addicts armed with hypodermic needles that they claim are infected with HIV, which causes Aids. *(AFP)*

Lorry blockade

Johannesburg: Thousands of lorry drivers blockaded roads throughout South Africa over a pay dispute. Their action began on Monday.

Close Clinton ally forecasts long delay for health reforms

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ONE of President Clinton's closest allies has admitted that healthcare reform may have to wait until next year or at best will be far more limited than originally intended.

The admission by Thomas Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, spread gloom and dissent through the upper ranks of the Clinton Administration yesterday. Donna Shalala, Health Secretary, said in an interview with *The Times* that it was too early for the pronouncement Mr Foley had made. "We will continue to push for as much as we can get," she said. "Mr Foley is often the most depressing of political leaders."

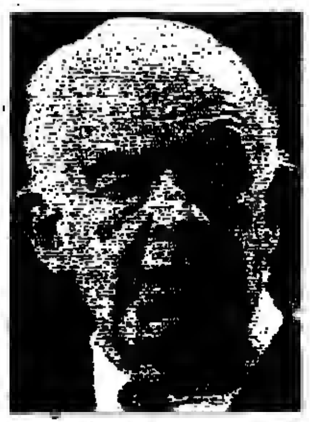
Mr Foley, who would have to steer healthcare through the House, said it "wouldn't be the end of the world" if further consideration were put off until 1995. Or they could consider a modified plan that might institute minimal reforms of the insurance industry and a modest expansion of coverage without incurring hoge costs to employers or the federal budget, he said.

It was the strongest statement yet by a leader of the Democratic Party that the chances of passing substantive legislation before the mid-October recess are remote at best. But his views did reflect a growing sense on Capitol Hill that the issue was too complex and contentious to lend itself to a quick resolution.

Later Mr Foley issued an almost obligatory damage-control statement, saying he had not meant to make a prediction of what was going to happen. Besides, as he said, the issue has slipped from first to second or third place among voters' concerns in polls across America. Members of Congress are swamped with calls urging them to wait if they cannot craft a satisfactory healthcare plan.

Mr Clinton will be in an awkward spot if Congress sends him a watered-down Bill. In his State of the Union speech he made a comment that ranks with George Bush's "Read my lips, no new taxes" for its lack of equivocation. He told Congress: "If you send me legislation that does not guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away, you will force me to take this pen, veto the legislation and we'll come right back here and start over again."

Mr Clinton's other big legislative goal, the crime Bill, was also in limbo yesterday while Republican senators tried to decide if they had enough votes to scuttle it. Under the archaic rules of the Senate, a simple majority of the 100 senators is not always enough to pass legislation. For some procedures, 60 votes are needed. The 56 Democrats were not sure if they could muster the extra votes while Republicans were not sure how their 44 members would vote.



Foley: pessimistic

'Racist instinct' blamed for US shooting of black policeman

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

OFF-DUTY policeman Peter Del Debbio probably expected to be hailed as a hero for shooting an armed man in a New York subway station as hundeds of terrified passengers ran for cover.

But the man Mr Del Debbio shot four times in Manhattan's 53rd Street station on Monday turned out to be Desmond Robinson, an undercover policeman. Mr Robinson, 31, was critically wounded and his fellow black officers insist that Mr Del Debbio did what most white policemen do by instinct: he saw a black man with a gun and opened fire.

A spokesman for the black police officers' association said: "He was just killing another black man, and that is indicative of a sickness right there."

The incident began when passengers reported two armed teenagers in the station. Two transport policemen set off in pursuit, joined by Mr Robinson who was in civilian clothes and patrolling for pickpockets. One of the fleeing suspects dropped a shotgun, which fired on impact, injuring a bystander.

Mr Del Debbio, 31, who was sitting on a nearby stationary train, drew his service revolver, saw Mr Robinson, with his gun drawn, and opened fire. Another undercover policeman shot Mr Del Debbio in the arm as he shouted "I'm a cop! I'm a cop!". The two suspects were later arrested.

The Manhattan District Attorney is investigating the shooting, but Rudolph Giuliani, the mayor of New York, said that there was no racism involved in the incident. The authorities have stressed that Mr Del Debbio is part Puerto Rican.

In 1992 Derwin Pannell, a black policeman, was making an arrest when three white officers, mistaking him for a mugger, opened fire 21 times, hitting him in the neck and chest. Mr Pannell, who was partially paralysed, is suing New York City for $70 million (£45.7 million). The white officers have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

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Britain's top policewoman tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith** how she handles the pressures of publicity

A force to be reckoned with

MICHAEL POWELL

Elizabeth Neville submits to questions about women in the police "because it's important. But I don't like it"

Elizabeth Neville is standing in the sunny courtyard of the Sussex Police headquarters in Lewes, twisting and turning for the photographer, smiling the embarrassed smile of one who has had fame thrust upon her. Her colleagues, stepping out of the plate-glass doors, stop and stare at the piles of equipment. "Go on, you can go through," she says. "Don't bother about all this fuss."

Unfortunately for Miss Neville, fuss is one of the many hazards of her job. As if a daily menu of bomb scares, sieges and the day-to-day running of a large police force was not enough, she also has to suffer the kind of scrutiny her male colleagues could never imagine, and endure her status as a female role model.

Miss Neville has long been tipped as the country's first woman chief *constable*. Now destiny is knocking on the door, with her recent promotion from one of five assistant chief constables in Sussex to Deputy Chief Constable of Northamptonshire. The move makes her, at 41, the highest ranking operational woman in the British police.

The news has sparked more interviews and photo sessions. Miss Neville puts up with them out of duty, but without relish. "The chap across the corridor has just been promoted to a more senior post than me and nobody wants to interview *him*," she says disingenuously.

"I submit to all the questions about women in the police because it's important for women to know what can be done. But I don't like it because it's isolating and it makes me highly vulnerable. People pick on you because you stand out.

"Do you remember all the criticism that was directed at Barbara Mills [the Director of Public Prosecutions] last year? I thought it was *very* personal, didn't you? No one would have paid so much attention to her if she had been a man."

It is the only moment in our conversation when Miss Neville becomes faintly heated. For the rest of the time she is a model officer: friendly, fearsomely bright and unswervingly devoted to the force. To the beleaguered chief constables still reeling from the bitter aftermath of Alison Halford's revelations and long legal agony, this neat, bright woman must be a dream.

Her rise has certainly been dreamlike. She joined the force as a fast-stream graduate, was a sergeant within two years and an inspector two years later. By the time she was 33 she was Superintendent in charge of Cowley Station in Oxford; in 1990 she became Chief Superintendent at Reading, and went to Sussex a year later.

Women were a comparative rarity when she joined the force, but she claims to have met little opposition on the way, except when she returned to work after the birth of Matthew, her first child, ten years ago. "When I returned to work the Chief Superintendent said: 'I think what you are doing is entirely wrong.' There was a deathly hush and then eventually he said: 'I *suppose* it's *none* of my business.' I said: 'No it's not.' He said: 'Well, I won't mention it again.' He was the only person to have ever made that kind of remark. I was quite cross actually. Well, I must have been because it was ten years ago and I can still remember it."

> 'I was looking for an exciting job that would get me out of the office'

We are talking in her large, modern office with pictures of Matthew and his sister Katherine, eight, hanging on the wall, along with a home-made card. "Dearest Mummy," it reads. "Well done." She is divorced from their father, an officer in another constabulary. An egg mayonnaise sandwich sits on the desk which she will have to try to consume between appointments.

Things are chaotic right now, as the family, jetlagged from a recent visit to her brother in Taiwan, prepares for the move north. "Oh! All the new school uniforms, all that's tough. Last time we moved, the nanny's mother got involved sewing on name tapes. The nanny's moving with me, which makes a big difference."

She has the problems of any high-flying single parent and stresses that things would have been no different elsewhere. "Any problems that exist for women in the police are the same in any large organisation. In many ways policing is better because we are so subject to public scrutiny."

Nonetheless, does she ever regret her career choice? "I often ask myself that and the answer is *no*. I like my job more than anything and it matters to me quite a lot."

When she joined, aged 20, from her psychology and philosophy course at St Hilda's, Oxford, she had never met a policeman. "Of course I'd been stopped as an undergraduate riding my bicycle without lights, but weren't we all?" The idea of the police force simply appealed. "It was the 1970s and the private sector was considered a bit immoral then really. I was looking for an exciting job that would get me out of the office to meet people. I had no grand career plan or ideas, then. I thought this would be different and it was."

Her family certainly offered no role models, her father a civil engineer who became the Principal (the Scottish equivalent of Vice Chancellor) of the University of Dundee. Her childhood was spent in Canada, Nigeria and France — where two years at boarding school in Dijon left her bilingual.

Her cosmopolitan background was no preparation for her first day at training school. "It was quite militaristic, we had to do press-ups all the time, there was a lot of learning by heart and drill with an instructor who shouted horribly." But the young graduate was undeterred. "I was quite entertained by it really."

It is this willingness to take people and events as they come which has made her such a success. She will clearly be missed at Sussex. "Goodbye Miss Neville, good luck," chant her colleagues as they troop past her and the photographer.

Does she think she will have to wait long before the next move? Miss Neville knows everybody is expecting great things, but she is not one to make promises. "I really like to take things one step at a time. I'd like to do a really good job as Deputy Chief Constable of Northamptonshire."

Glamour in, muscles out

For women athletes it's not just the winning. It's the chance for photos and fees, reports **Peter Barnard**

JANE FLEMMING is standing up in January and sitting with her arms splayed out behind her in October. She is wearing enough to keep these pictures out of top-shelf territory but not so much that anyone could doubt their purpose.

One thing they are selling is glamour. The other is athletics. This is the Golden Girls calendar, which was Flemming's idea. It is on sale in Britain at £11.99. Curiously, the calendar spans 16 months from this September to the end of 1995. All the girls are Australian athletes and each of them is proof that there is more to the phenomenal public success of athletics than split times and anchor legs.

Several million people in Britain are staying up late to watch the Commonwealth Games from Canada and on Tuesday night they saw Flemming, heptathlon champion in 1990, take the silver medal this time.

Heaven forfend that the male viewers in the television audience should have been watching for any reason other than the skill of the *athletes*, *but* voyeuristic tendencies are not exactly a hindrance in the selling of sport. Nor is voyeurism a one-way street: some time ago I polled secretaries at *The Times* on their favourite sporting figures. The winners were Gary Lineker and the javelin thrower Steve Batkley. Why? "They have the best legs."

Jane Flemming on the calendar

Flemming and many of the other competitors in Victoria have good legs and other assets for all to see. Flemming, unlike most female athletes of previous generations, is a woman with a shape.

And this shape is carefully revealed. There are the shorts, which are short. There is what used to be called the vest, now a "crop top" which reveals the bare midriff. There is the material, which is Lycra, a man-made fibre whose clinginess assists the glamour image no end.

Of course the less worn the better the athlete will perform. The lighter the material and the smaller the square footage of clothing, the better the aerodynamics. But as Florence Griffith Joyner, known as Flo Jo, demonstrated with her painted nails and spectacular body-hugging outfits at the 1988 Olympics, the female athlete is now acutely aware that how she looks come second only to how well she performs.

Twenty years ago two types of women dominated athletics. There were the Amazons who won shot put and discus titles and the waifs who flew along the track. The former looked like men and the latter looked like boys. Neither was often invited on to chat shows.

Not the least of the reasons for this glamour makeover is the fall of the Berlin Wall. East Germany dominated much of athletics for many years, a domination induced by the drug culture of communist bloc athletics. The fall of the wall, and the concurrent arrival of a much tougher drug-testing regime in athletics, ended the careers of many East German women almost overnight. Suddenly the playing field was level. You could be good and look good. In California, marketing types saw the dollar potential of pretty girls who could at last come first.

Muscle-bound females are still to be seen at the track, but not often. Instead, British athletics is touting the likes of Catherine Merry, a 19-year-old *sprinter*, as the next golden girl. She had to pull out of Canada with an injury but her blonde good looks have already put her on magazine covers. In a ball gown.

THERE is also the British swimmer Alex Bennett, gold medallist in the 4x400 metres relay in Victoria, whose photograph adorns office walls and swimming club locker rooms for reasons not entirely connected with her inspirational performances.

Britain's most successful female athlete is Sally Gunnell, the world and Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion. Gunnell is not overtly glamorous but in recent years a slimmer Gunnell has emerged, her hair seemingly in receipt of expert attention. Speed remains her principal asset, but her looks must assist in gaining appearance money that can range up to $20,000 (£13,000).

Cynics argue that attractive athletes devalue the purpose of the competition. In fact the opposite is the case. If women can be successful in sport without losing their femininity then they are offering spectacular proof that natural ability has at last triumphed over success induced by pharmaceuticals. Glory be.

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Nature at peace with nurture

The chance to probe what shapes us has lured top US brains to London

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Professors Robert Plomin, Mike Rutter and Judy Dunn

Could the age-old dispute between nature *and nurture* be *about to* end in an armistice? For years, psychologists have been arguing whether it is our genes or our experience of life that shapes the way we are.

Now, as a result of a substantial investment by the Medical Research Council, specialists from both sides of the divide are to combine in a single unit, at the Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital in London. So attractive is the idea of the centre that two leading specialists from America, Professor Robert Plomin and Professor Judy Dunn, have been tempted away from Pennsylvania State University to join it.

Together with researchers already at the Maudsley they aim to study how genetic, environmental and social influences affect the way we are. Professor Sir Michael Rutter will be the first director of the Centre for Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry, to which the MRC has committed £2.6 million.

"In the past, the argument about whether nature or nurture was more important in development has tended to cause divisions," Sir Michael says. "Now we're beginning to recognise that the two aren't as separate as we once thought. The action has moved away from the nature versus nurture question on to that of how the two work together. The focus at the centre needs to be on how genetics influence the huge variation in the way individuals respond to the environment."

Professor Plomin, a behavioural geneticist, hails from the nature end of the spectrum, but entirely agrees with this prescription. He has been a leader in the search for the genes that determine IQ, a controversial project. He has also been involved in major long-term studies of twins, adopted children, and families, in an effort to tease out the genetic and environmental factors in development.

At the new centre, he intends to study the causes of mild mental retardation, a very common condition that has never really been tackled from a biological perspective. "Between 1 and 2 per cent of the population suffer mild mental retardation," he says. "These people aren't in institutions — they can function in the outside world, but in rather a limited way."

He doesn't expect for a moment that a single gene will provide an explanation for this widespread condition. "Much more likely is that many genes are involved, and that they combine with environmental influences," he says. "The best we may be able to do on the genetic side is to identify, say, six genes that account for 20 per cent of the cases." This is basic research, with no direct implications for therapy, he says. "There's never been a basic study of it."

Professor Dunn — who is married to Professor Plomin — comes from the opposite direction. She is a leading expert in social development, focusing on children and adolescents. Her research plans include studies of how children react to changes in their lives such as new schools, or changes in the family structure, and the development of children brought up by step-parents. The increasing divorce rate means that this group has grown considerably in recent years, but little research has been done on why some of these children fare better than others.

The new centre will have six scientific sections. In addition to those led by Professors Rutter, Plomin and Dunn, there will be groups devoted to social psychiatry, epidemiological psychiatry and psychiatric genetics.

Professor David Goldberg, who will lead the social psychiatry section, says: "Britain has been at the forefront of research, particularly into social psychiatry, since the Second World War, and the new centre will play a key role in maintaining this lead." By building bridges between the traditional social and epidemiological approaches and the new biological knowledge, he hopes the centre will not only advance research but improve treatment for patients.

In spite of the MRC's grant — the largest it has ever made in mental health research — more money is needed if the centre is to have purpose-built accommodation. "Without a building of our own, it will be much more difficult to get people from the different disciplines to work together effectively," Professor Plomin says. Sir Michael Rutter agrees that a building is of "critical importance" and says raising the money is the next task. About £3 million is needed.

Everyone at the Maudsley is delighted that the centre has provided a rare chance to reverse the one-way traffic of top researchers across the Atlantic. Alas, it would take many more such units to get the trade balance in brains into surplus, but better a single swallow than no summer at all.

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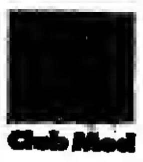

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The link between Crohn's Disease and measles . . . a tree offers hope in the treatment of cysts . . . beware of the dog

An attack of immortality

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

BURRIL CROHN, a former professor of medicine in New York, was perhaps fortunate when he achieved immortality by having his name commemorated by the description Crohn's Disease. In 1932 Professor Crohn described a series of cases of regional enteritis now called Crohn's Disease.

It later transpired that a *similar* study had been carried out by Sir Kennedy Dalziel, a Glasgow surgeon, in 1913. Sir Kennedy and his work have been almost totally forgotten, whereas an increasing number of people hear of Crohn's Disease, as it is becoming increasingly frequently diagnosed. Crohn's attacks both sexes equally, between five and 10 in every 100,000 people annually. It is more common in Jewish people than Gentiles, and usually strikes before the age of 30.

The tendency to develop it has a genetic basis, as cases occur more *often than would* be expected in certain families. These families may also suffer from an increased incidence of ulcerative colitis.

In textbooks, *Crohn's Disease* and ulcerative colitis are grouped together as chronic inflammatory diseases of the bowel. Both diseases cause similar symptoms, related to chronic inflammation and ulceration of the gut. In some cases, even the most skilled physicians find it hard, if not impossible, to make a firm diagnosis, and label the inflammatory process as being typical of one or other condition. However, usually there are enough characteristic signs and symptoms to allow the patient's troubles to be classified.

Symptoms of Crohn's Disease include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, fever, loss of appetite, and weight loss. In cases with an acute onset, a doctor can often feel a tender lump in the right lower abdomen which invariably causes alarm because of its similarity to the findings in a case of acute appendicitis, or some forms of cancer.

In Crohn's Disease the inflammation tends to extend through the gut wall, whereas in ulcerative colitis it is associated with changes in the mucosal and sub-mucosal layers, and the changes are confined to the colon.

Both forms of inflammatory bowel disease can be associated with a variety of other symptoms, including reactive arthritis, ankylosing spondilitis, inflammation of the eye, not only of the conjunctiva, but also of the inner eye, kidney troubles, and a skin disease, erythema nodosum, in which the skin of the shin suffers raised blue-red patches.

The cause of Crohn's has, hitherto, been unknown, but recently there have been suggestions that in some cases it is a sequel to infection with the measles virus either before or shortly after birth.

Further support for this theory has been reported in *The Lancet*. A recent survey in Sweden has compared the actual number of cases of Crohn's Disease diagnosed in people born in a measles epidemic with the number which might have been expected. There was a significant increase of cases of Crohn's in patients born during the epidemic. The measles epidemic had no effect on the number of cases of ulcerative colitis.

Mice work

TAXOL, the drug made from a variety of tropical yew tree, may have another use in medicine as well as its role in the treatment of some tumours. The common form of polycystic renal disease affects about one in 1,000 people. The tissue in both kidneys is studded with cysts, but even though the bulk of the kidney is increased, the functional tissue progressively decreases as the cysts enlarge.

Patients usually start to develop significant symptoms in their twenties and thirties, and within about 10 years half of them need dialysis or transplantation. Fortunately, in many of the other cases serious renal failure does not supervene until 20 years after the first symptoms have been noticed.

In an appreciable proportion of cases polycystic disease is also associated with liver cysts which are totally benign. It can also be accompanied by aneurisms of the cerebral vessels and hypertension.

A ray of hope, little more than that, has recently been reported in *Nature*. In one experiment, Taxol, when given to mice who suffer from polycystic disease, prolonged their lives from the usual four or five weeks to more than 200 days. At death, the kidneys of the mice were still functioning well. Humans do not necessarily react to drugs in the same way as mice — and Taxol is a toxic substance. But it is just possible that it may prove to have a use in the treatment of polycystic disease in people as well as mice.

Pet problem

THE WARNING *cave canem*, made famous by the picture of a savage dog on a floor mosaic in Pompeii, is attributed to Petronius, who died in AD66. Variations of the sign featuring rottweilers, alsatians, and dobermans are now commonly seen on building sites. But people should be aware that dogs' teeth are not the only danger.

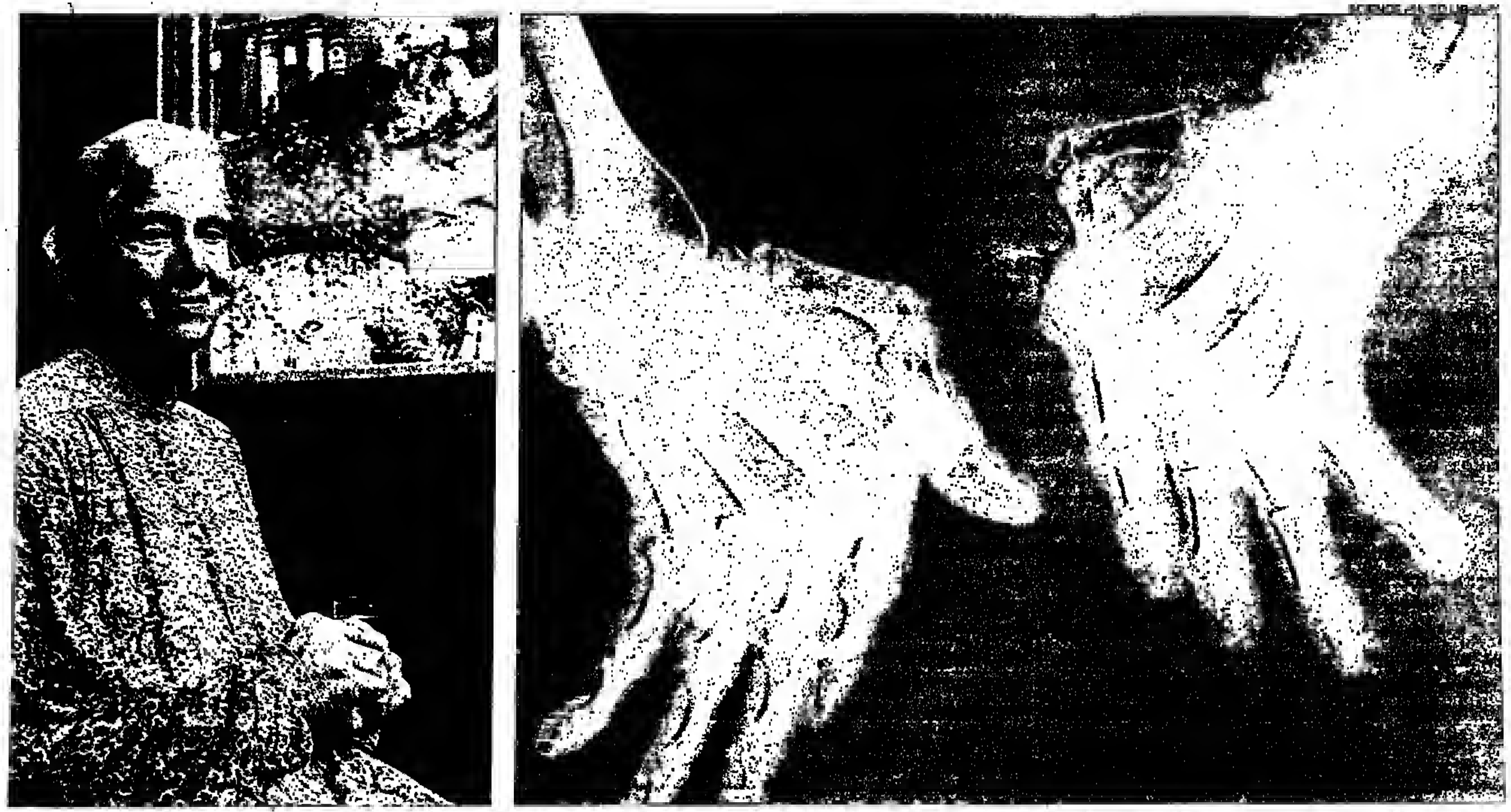
Hospital staff dread the emergence of antibiotic-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus. The Lancet* reports that a male staff-nurse was found to have been the carrier of just such an organism, which had unfortunately infected one patient. His wife, who worked in the same hospital, was not unsurprisingly found to carry the methicillin-resistant organism as well.

Both husband and wife were successfully treated in the approved way, but six months later a second patient developed an infection with the same organism. Once again, the nursing pair were the carriers. It was noticed that the nurses' dog had a persistently discharging eye. Tests showed that the dog was the source of the trouble. All three recovered and there have been no further cases at the hospital.

A previous case described in 1988 traced another outbreak to a cat. The letter to *The Lancet* is reassuring. It explains that these cases are rare — sepsis found in dogs and cats is not readily transmitted to people.

Facing a painful truth

There have been many false dawns in arthritis treatment. Now, at least, doctors are asking the right questions, says **Dr James Le Fanu**



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Images of suffering — Dorothy Hodgkin (left) remained a busy working scientist despite her severe rheumatoid arthritis and (right) an X-ray of the hands of a victim

The most striking feature of the famous portrait of the late Dorothy Hodgkin — crystallographer and Nobel Prize winner — which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery, is the hands. The misshapen fingers, instantly recognisable as being due to rheumatoid arthritis, flutter like wounded birds.

In portraying them this way the painter Maggi Hambling emphasises the indomitable spirit of her sitter who, despite 30 years of pain and disability, remained a busy working scientist.

The bands are also a symbol of the failure of medicine over the past four decades to influence the outcome of this disease, which affects 30,000 adults in Britain and has three main forms. In about a third of cases there is an acute onset, with widespread swelling of the joints — and which, surprisingly, has a good prognosis. In a similar number it is insidious, with a relentless deterioration in function. Finally, the disease may develop irregularly with alternating exacerbations and remissions.

There is a cupboardful of potent remedies which can suppress the underlying inflammatory process, but many of these drugs have side-effects even worse than the disease they are intended to treat.

There is, for example, no better instance of a miracle cure than the first description, in 1949, of the effect of steroids. In this case, a 29-year-old woman had joints so stiff, swollen, tender and painful that she could scarcely get out of bed. Three days after her first injection she was able to walk with "only a slight limp". Four days later "her muscular stiffness has completely disappeared and the pain on walking so diminished that she went shopping for three hours".

The honeymoon period for treating rheumatoid arthritis with steroids lasted only five years. The costs to the patient of thinning bones, crush fractures, diabetes, raised blood pressure and predisposition to infection led to a disenchantment so profound that rheumatologists came to view them as agents of last resort.

A similar, if less dramatic, fate has befallen other remedies, like gold and penicillamine. These take longer to work but after a few months the benefit becomes apparent with lessening of muscle stiffness and improvement in joint mobility. Many patients, however, find them difficult to tolerate and they carry significant risk of potentially lethal problems including liver and kidney damage and destruction of the bone marrow.

The concept arose, therefore, of a pyramid of treatment, at the base of which were relatively non-toxic analgesic and anti-inflammatory drugs which could be liberally prescribed. Then after a couple of years if disease proved to be progressive the more toxic remedies would be introduced. At the peak of the pyramid were the steroids.

The belief in this rational therapeutic approach to a very difficult disease was rudely shattered in the mid-1980s, when a series of long-term studies of rheumatoid patients showed their outcome was much worse than had been appreciated. Dr David Scott, of King's College Hospital, London, reported in *The Lancet* that out of a group of 112 patients followed for 20 years more than half bad died or were seriously disabled. This, be said "underlines the very serious nature of rheumatoid arthritis and its often disastrous effect on patients' lives. There is no indication as to the way to improve this barren prospect."

Suddenly, rheumatologists began to wonder whether they had got it all wrong and were being misled by the apparent plausibility of the pyramid approach. Perhaps the pyramid should be turned on its head, using the potent remedies right from the beginning.

Dr John Kirwan, a consultant at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, has played a prominent role in this counter-revolution. "It was clear that huge unjustified assumptions had been made about the disease and its treatment," be says. "We were so hung up about the side-effects of drugs that we ended up prescribing them too late or refusing to use them at all."

> Many drugs have effects worse than the disease

Dr Kenneth Wilske, Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle, argues that the principle of treatment in rheumatoid arthritis should be the same for that of cancer — in which a combination of potent drugs is given early in the disease to achieve a remission.

Pride of place goes to the now rehabilitated steroids given at relatively low doses for the first six months, followed by a cocktail of the potent drugs like gold and penicallamine. Early signs of toxicity are picked up by regular blood tests so, if necessary, they can be discontinued before any serious harm results. "The point of this approach," he says, "is to ensure that some combination of medication suppresses the inflammation before the joint becomes damaged."

This new aggressive attitude among rheumatologists is increasingly common, especially in the United States, though the British remain more cautious. Such dramatic swings in the pendulum of therapeutic fashion are not uncommon and usually reflect the triumph of bope over experience. It remains very difficult to show that inverting the pyramid will improve the long-term outcome for, as Dr Kirwan points out, the necessary studies will have to last for *at least* 20 years and anyhow the course of the illness is highly unpredictable.

This unpredictability has until recently been the strongest argument against the new approach as it would result in unnecessary and harmful over-treatment for the minority whose rheumatoid is relatively benign or who only have intermittent flares of the disease.

This month, however, Dr Paul Emery, of the University of Birmingham, has reported in the journal *Arthritis and Rheumatism* that genetic studies can predict almost 90 per cent of those who get erosions of their joints leading to progessive disability. It should thus now be much easier to target those most likely to benefit from the early use of potent drugs.

The main achievement of the past ten years, Dr Kirwan believes, is that rheumatologists have been forced to admit their ignorance both about the natural history of the disease and the value of their remedies. "We may not have the answers, but at least we are now asking the right questions," he says.

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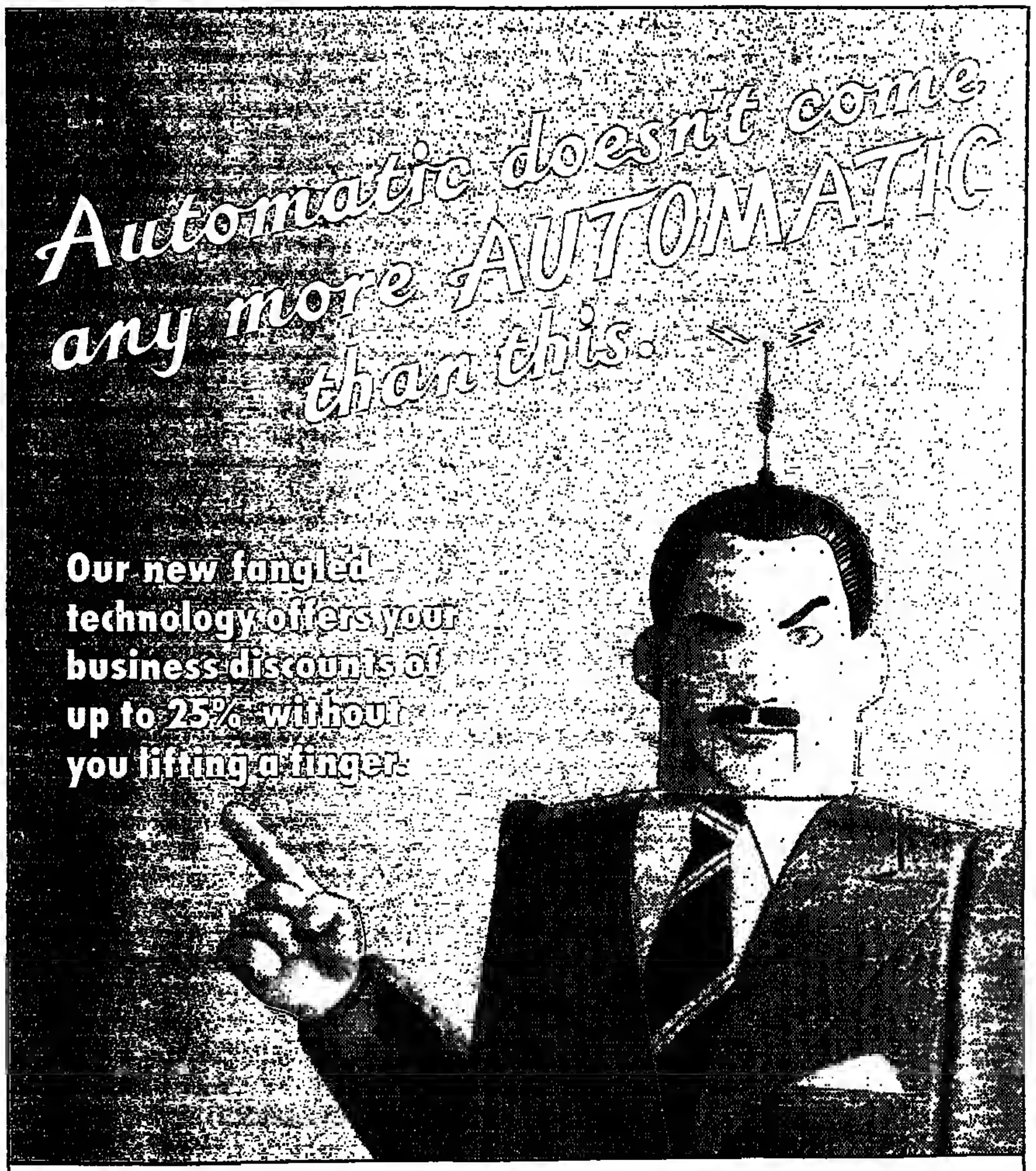
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■ In the face of chaos at school, girls discipline themselves — but boys are without a map

According to a survey released by the Central Statistical Office this week, 95 per cent of 11-year-olds think that they are of average or above average ability at school. The mathematical impossibility of this proposition is significant: we are not talking about facts here but feelings. What the findings show is the stupendous success of the educational philosophy that dominates state schooling, the aim of which is not to improve actual academic performance, but to raise the self-esteem of pupils.

Even in its revisionist forms, post-1960s educational ideology rests on the premise that as long as you feel good about yourself — believe yourself to be a worthwhile person — then what you can do or accomplish is of secondary importance. Parents and politicians who clamour for more concentration on skills and more visible signs of attainment are not only pushy and ruthless, but are missing the point. The purpose of this approach to education is to make all children confident, not to give disproportionate reward to the able few or to oppress children with the burden of having to perform. School is not for transmitting knowledge or "authoritarian" value judgments: it is a therapeutic centre in which the whole child — not just his intellect — is equipped for adult life.

Confronting their own limitations comes as a rude shock to children

There is an obvious blindspot in this approach: nothing increases children's confidence more than the acquisition of real, measurable skills. Indeed, the human animal seems determined to exercise its intelligence to its furthest limits, and when prevented from doing so will respond with manifest frustration. Which may help to explain the contrasting findings in another report published this week. According to academics at Keele University who surveyed parents and their teenage offspring about their attitudes to school, the "feel-good" factor has more of a tranquillising effect on parents than on their less credulous children.

While nine out of ten parents told the Keele researchers that they were satisfied with their children's schools, pupils described classes plagued by disruptive behaviour, chronic truancy and a culture hostile to academic achievement.

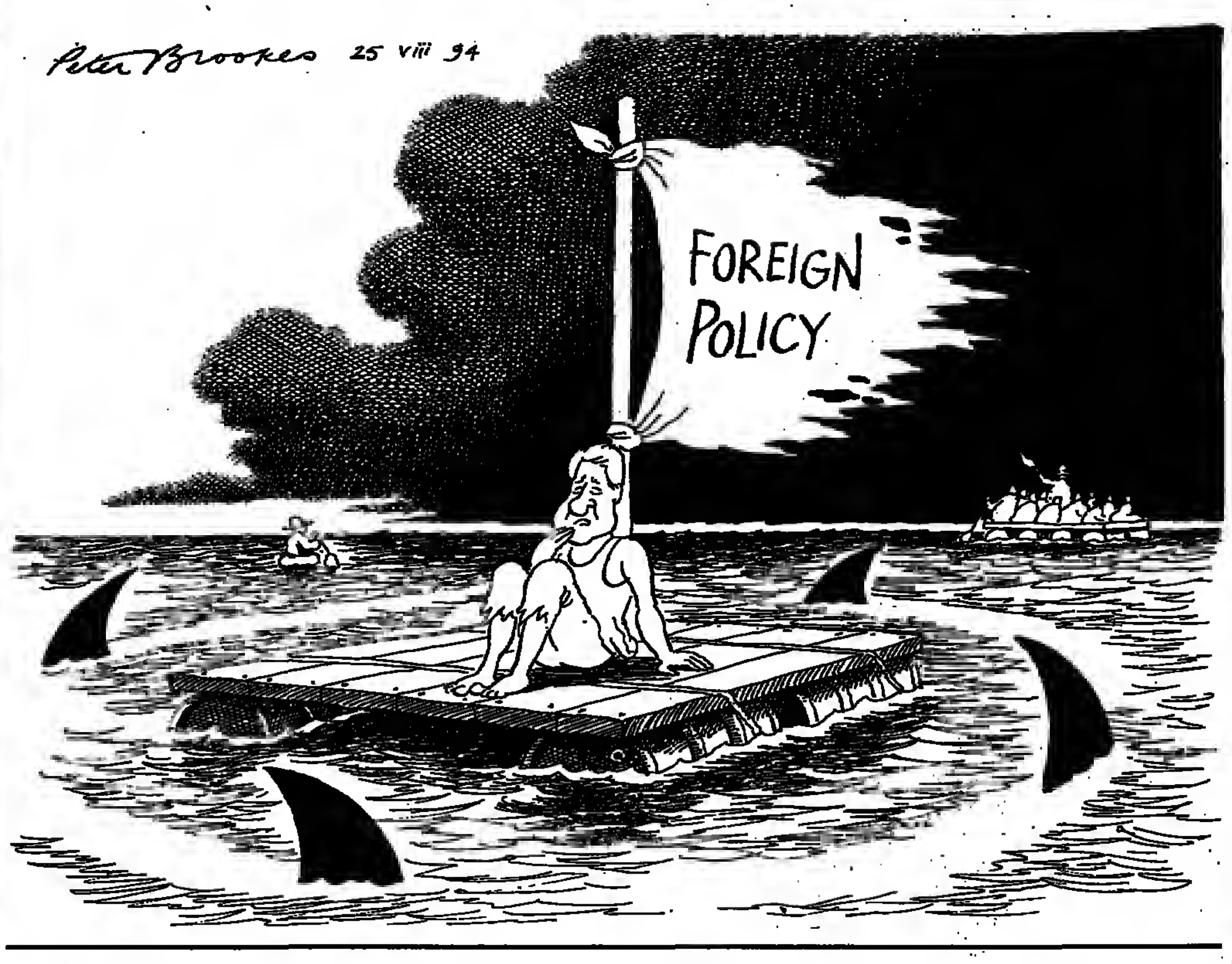
At 11, fresh from their happy, touchy-feely primary schoolrooms, nearly all children may believe themselves capable of anything, but by their mid-teens a large proportion are alienated and bored by school. The Keele parents professed great faith in their own children's teachers and the profession in general, while their children described epidemic apathy and indiscipline in classes. One in three said that other pupils disrupt lessons every day.

Now it is perfectly understandable that parents wish to believe that their children are in good hands. The child-centred approach to which teachers are committed would be particularly conducive to such a belief. After all, what could be more likely to inspire your trust and affection than a teacher's insistence that he *cares* about your child *as a person* and not just as a potential exam success. But children themselves are not fooled forever by patronising attempts to hide real differences in ability. The deception which works in the play-like atmosphere of primary school, producing all those groundlessly confident 11-year-olds, leads to cruel disillusion later on, when the absence of self-criticism and self-discipline begin to tell.

And it tells most disastrously on boys. For whatever reason, boys are more inclined than girls to be complacent about their own performance, or at least indifferent to criticism. Whether innately or as a result of conditioning, girls are always shown by research to be more likely to be self-doubting and to underestimate their own abilities, while boys generally overrate their own talents. Not only do the girls assume that they are less able than they really are, but they are also more afraid of failure and more sensitive to disapproval. The result is that they are inclined to work hard.

The chances are that if you have daughters, you will spend much of their school years reassuring them that they will do well and that even if they don't, you will not be disappointed ... blah-blah. But it will not stop them studying until three in the morning for their GCSEs. If you have sons, you will tear your hair in anguish at their phlegmatic off-handedness about the whole business. While girls are likely to be motivated by their own consciences, boys usually need outside stimulation to perform at their best. They also need clear goals and structured increments of progress to keep them going.

A traditional framework for providing such a programme of incentives to boys has been competition. Competitiveness seems to be analogous in boys to conscientiousness in girls: all things being equal, it is the impulse that comes naturally to them. So by making competition taboo and encouraging over-confidence, state schooling has loaded the system very decidedly in favour of girls. And for all its concern with "socialising" the young, it has dismantled one of the most effective means of imposing some structure on the developing egos of young males.



Women and the Pope

Feminist issues and birth-control will cause headaches in Rome next century

William Rees-Mogg

Pope John Paul II is a unique figure in the Catholic Church's history of nearly 2,000 years. He is the only Polish pope with a particularly Polish attitude to his faith: he is a much more extrovert and athletic man than most of the popes since the Middle Ages; his life has been shaped by the tragic history of his country, having lived under Hitler and Stalin, two of the most terrible tyrants mankind has ever suffered. Although he is considered a conservative, many of his ideas come from the European centre left, particularly on social and economic issues. Despite his resolute adherence to tradition, he has always been sensitive to cultural differences, and has been open in his dealings with other faiths; he has great charismatic and populist gifts. Even his range of languages is remarkable. I remember him giving a body of the Irish Gardai his blessing in St Peter's Square; he used the Irish language, as St Patrick might have done.

In international terms, John Paul II has been the most powerful pope since the counter-reformation. His influence on Poland was almost absolute in a period when Poland was the key nation in the development of Eastern Europe and Eastern Europe was to decide the fate of the Soviet Union. A rash move of his could have caused a disaster comparable to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. If he had been less courageous, the communist forces might have been able to maintain themselves. He was one among several influences, yet his role was crucial; the attempt to assassinate him early in the 1980s was in a way a tribute to his power.

In Rome this week there is renewed anxiety about the Pope's health. He was seen to be ill at last Sunday's Mass, and had to be helped by other priests. Vatican spokesmen expect him to be able to complete his visit to Sarajevo on September 8 unless the security position deteriorates; he is also scheduled to give a major address to the United Nations in October. He has a strong constitution, but there is now a feeling in Rome that at 74 he may be moving towards a later phase in his reign. He may yet live for decades rather than years, but that would be something of a surprise.

The papacy is perhaps the world's most extraordinary office. Nearly a billion people look to the pope as the leader of their Church, in a monarchical tradition of leadership. He is their spiritual father, and his duty is to help them find their individual paths to God. The claims of the papacy are immense. They include infallibility, though that is rarely exercised and hard to define, and the Keys of St Peter, though the world has largely rejected a belief in eternal damnation. For most modern Christians, it takes the sins of Hitler or Stalin to justify a place in hell. The faith of the pope has to be strong enough to sustain the faith of all these millions. He also has to have administrative capacity and political wisdom. He has to help the people of his community to make sense of their lives, in terms of both this world and eternity; he has to be a focus of meaning and of light.

Historically, the popes have been very different from each other, in their degrees of conservatism or radicalism, in their temperament, in their spirituality, in their personal histories, virtues and faults. The Conclave which elects a new pope is always conscious of the aspects of the last pope's reign which worried the surviving cardinals. One can be sure, if of nothing else, that the next pope will not be Polish, not because this Pope's nationality has been resented, but because one Polish pope is enough for the time being. It used to be said that fat popes alternated with thin popes, but that does not tell who might succeed a muscular one.

When popes are elected, they very seldom turn out as the cardinals expect. No one thought that the ancient Pope John XXIII, who called the Second Vatican Council, would make the greatest changes in the Catholic Church since the Council of Trent, 400 years before. The challenges to each papacy are always different from what had been foreseen, and the office reshapes the personality of each man who holds it. Until someone has carried those responsibilities, he cannot himself tell how he would handle them. The weight of the present college of cardinals is on the conservative side, but they cannot know whether their chosen successor, when they come to make that choice, will be conservative in his policies for the Church.

One can, however, see what some of the great issues of the next century are likely to be. John Paul II himself believes that the place of women in the Church is theologically determined, that there are absolute doctrinal objections to women becoming priests. He has not tried to make this view a part of the infallible deposit of faith, but he does think that the doctrine is unchangable. Many Catholics, including theologians, take the different view that the role of women in the Church is only culturally or historically determined. In the culture of the first-century Roman Empire or of 20th-century Africa, the normal social relationships of women have excluded them from the priesthood, but in 20th-century America they would not necessarily do so.

As the Catholic Church has some 950 million members spread over all the continents, the community includes cultures which run to the extremes of both kinds, as macho as most of Asia, Africa or Latin America, and as feminist as the academic community of the United States. The Church has to care for everyone from Lesotho to Harvard Yard. The Pope himself, despite his doctrinal belief, is sensitive to these cultural differences. He agrees with Islam about the evil of abortion, but strongly disagrees about the role of women.

In the next century, the cultural influences may prevail. So long as the majority of Catholics live in strongly masculine cultures, these congregations will not want women priests. If the Third World comes to share modern American attitudes towards the social position of women, the demand for women priests will spread. One does not need to be a Marxist to see that this could depend largely on changes in economic systems of production. African women may have the social status of American women when they have similar jobs. In the meantime, the Church must sympathise with the differing cultures of all its members.

The development of Asia and Latin America may now be transforming these older cultures. Like all rulers, popes have to take care of the relationship with their constituencies — there is always something relative even about absolute power. By the middle of the next century, Western standards of living may extend to 50-60 per cent of the world's people, as against the 15 per cent now. In that world, 19th-century or earlier social attitudes will inevitably be eroded.

The rise in the standard of living of poor people is obviously welcome, but it is not necessarily good for religion. Advanced industrial societies have threatened the life of the spirit. The values of the consumer society crowd out the values of religion. Already, much of North America, Western Europe and the Pacific Rim looks like a post-religious society, with consumption dominating and occult fantasies filling some of the gaps of belief. No Christian can look forward to this world economy without fear for the societies it will create.

The role of women and the growth of a post-religious society are two of the great problems for the next generation of leaders of the Catholic Church, for other Christians and for other spiritual leaders. There is another issue, also on a world scale, where conservative fears may prove justified. Man is acquiring the power to shape the technology of life itself through genetic engineering. In America, I spoke recently to a young Californian graduate who works in a company which is manipulating cells to eliminate some hereditary cancers. "I'm very lucky," he said. "I belong to the generation which will see it happen, but to the last generation to which it won't be done." Within a few years, man will be able to make man to suit the world's technological convenience.

The pope's task is to give religious meaning to human life. That was the work of Jesus, and it is why the pope is called the Vicar of Christ. To fulfil such a role is beyond human power or wisdom, although Catholics believe that the pope is helped by the Holy Spirit. The present Pope has had to deal with problems that seemed insoluble. The problems which are going to confront *his* successors may be just as difficult, perhaps even vaster, and may require as much courage. We may yet hope for more years for John Paul II, because the energy of his faith has given so much life to the ancient Catholic Church of Rome.

Now it's a nuclear world

Iain Duncan Smith fears proliferation

No sooner has President Clinton said that his agreement with North Korea over nuclear weapons has averted conflict in the region than a former Prime Minister of Pakistan claims that his country already has a nuclear device. The reality is that nuclear non-proliferation policy lies in tatters.

America may have agreed to the settlement with North Korea because of Japanese and South Korean fears about continual confrontation, but in so doing it has recognised North Korea as a nuclear power. Accepting North Korea's offer to freeze some of its nuclear programme may give a breathing space, but it has sent quite the wrong message to would-be nuclear powers around the world.

The links of the proliferation chain are forged by the acquisition of dual-use technology by China from Western Europe, Japan and America. Some of this technology is then passed on to China's largest trading partner, North Korea, and exported again, to China or the Middle East. Japan has also been the source of satellite navigation systems bought by North Korean agents from shops in Osaka and Tokyo; these are now being used in the guidance systems for missiles being developed in China.

In July *The Times* reported that a defector from North Korea, Kang Myong Do, had confirmed that North Korea has already developed five nuclear warheads. He went on to point out that North Korea is also developing the necessary missiles to carry these warheads. Although his account will have brought this issue to the attention of many, several experts, particularly from Jane's Information Group, have been expressing concern about the pace of North Korea's successful nuclear programme for some time. They have pointed out the astonishing speed with which North Korea's nuclear research expanded. A new reactor — which is likely to be operational next year — could eventually give North Korea the ability to produce up to 40 nuclear warheads a year.

Iran began offering financial assistance to North Korea's missile programme in the mid-1980s in return for an option to purchase the Scud modification B, then under development. Extending the range of the missile became a clear objective, and development continues with the Taep'o-dong 1 and 2, both two-stage missiles, increasing the range from 600 to 2,000 miles. Iranian foreign debt has jumped, almost wholly because of spending on military equipment. Iran spends about $500 million a year on obtaining strategic technologies, which include nuclear components. In 1992, China agreed to a ten-year technology transfer deal with Iran.

Iran has had a nuclear programme for some time, and there is much concern about rumours that Tehran may have obtained four nuclear warheads from the former Soviet Union in 1992. Little, however, is known about the state of warheads in the old Soviet Union, and it is extremely difficult even to be certain where they all are. And given the instability of so many of the new states, and the growing power of organised crime, we cannot discount the possibility that in future some may go "missing". The recent discussions between Germany and Russia demonstrate the concern about the illegal sale of plutonium, as a result of recent finds in Berlin.

Meanwhile the Pakistani authorities are hotly denying that they have attempted to purchase illegal plutonium through these sources, despite the claim by the former Prime Minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif. We know also that Pakistan has an advanced missile programme, aided by China.

The argument over nuclear proliferation is stuck in a time-warp. It is no longer a case of drawing a line beneath the list of those who presently have nuclear weapons and assuming that no other nations will get access to them. This now looks impossible. Even if safeguards are improved and the Non-Proliferation Treaty is upgraded, there will probably be nuclear weapons by the end of the century in India, Iran, Iraq (even with sanctions), Libya, North Korea, Pakistan and Taiwan — or at least in some of them. This is a major threat to Western security. It will be made considerably worse when countries in the Middle East such as Iran acquire the capability to launch these weapons over great distances, bringing much of Western Europe and eventually Great Britain within range.

This is why what happens in North Korea affects us all. The threat cannot simply be dismissed because it seems to exist in a distant land of which we know nothing. Western politicians have for too long chosen to remain ignorant of this proliferation, preferring to cross their fingers and think of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. What the agreement with North Korea demonstrates is that there is no will to draw the line.

It is time for an urgent reassessment of nuclear proliferation and the effect it must soon have on the defence strategies of the West.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Operaworks

TAKING a brief intermission from his accustomed political beat is Shaun Woodward, former director of communications for the Conservative Party and the man arguably behind John Major's 1992 election victory. He is taking a starring role at English National Opera.

Woodward has been appointed chairman of Capital Campaign, a body set up to help raise funds for the long overdue refurbishment of ENO's theatre, the London Coliseum. A political background, an interest in music and a marketing man's gift for gloss appear to have secured him the post.

Much of his effort, I understand, will be channelled into raising funds for substantial alterations to the Coliseum. Improvements to the foyer and the backstage area, and expansion into nearby buildings are being mooted. A leading firm of London architects, Sheppard Robson, is acting as consultant. The extent of the alterations by the opera house will depend largely on Woodward's success.

But not everyone is convinced that his style is quite appropriate for opera. "He certainly wasn't very popular here. We were very pleased when he left," says a source at Tory Central Office.

My man in the back stalls is also puzzled: "I'm not sure you can apply the public relations logic of Central Office to an opera house very readily."

But with Woodward holidaying in America, the ENO rushes quickly to his defence. "We are quite sure he is the right man for the job," says a spokeswoman.

● *The artistic precedents at least are encouraging for the Princess of Wales as she enjoys a peaceful hour or two posing for Nelson Shanks in Julian Barrow's Chelsea studio. Her sittings are taking place on the site where the extraordinary artist and portrait-painter James McNeill Whistler used to paint. Just down the road from John Singer Sargent.*

Best therapy

CLAIRE RAYNER, the voluptuous doyenne of agony aunts, was nearly dead on her feet at the launch of her medical thrillers *First Blood* and *Second Opinion* at St Thomas's Hospital, London. Since offering the uncompromising advice on Monday's *Newsnight* that the Princess of Wales might benefit from a spot of counselling, *she* has paused for even less breath than usual, with one television interview following another.

By Tuesday evening's party she had honed her words of royal advice right down: "She needs to have her bottom spanked and then sat down and told how to sort herself out." Mopping her brow and sipping a glass of something calming, the former nurse explained how *she* copes with the pressures of life. "I recommend writing a medical thriller. It's great, you get to kill people off in any way you want."

But then literary venting is becoming a feature of the Rayner family. Husband Desmond is a published novelist, while son Jay has his first novel out next month. As for daughter Amanda, she has already turned down one offer for her finished Gothic thriller. So it's up to the Princess: counselling or word-processor?

Biting back

ROGER MUGFORD, the animal psychologist who treated the Queen's corgis during the 1980s, readily admits that Squirrel Nutkin, his corgi bitch, is also an excitable animal. "I've just been defending Buster the alleged pit-bull terrier in court, and she's already had a run-in with him," he says. "But corgis are friendly rather than aggressive."

He has some advice for the corgi owner: "I recommend the half-check collar. These dogs have small, ethmoid neck-bones and are always slipping their leads." If the Queen's dogs continue to get into scrapes, he has kindly volunteered his expert services. "I would be happy to defend the Queen's corgis under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act."

Book early

THERE'S a definite danger of being trampled in the rush this weekend, as publisher HarperCollins parades the pick of its bestselling authors before television's finest at the Edinburgh Television Festival.

Lord Archer, fresh from agreeing a near molti-million-pound contract, will not be participating in the unseemly rush for a lucrative rights deal, but Michael Dobbs, the thriller-writer who *did* become deputy chairman of the Tory party, will be — as a spectator. "I'll be watching with interest," chuckles Dobbs, whose third and final novel about the Machiavellian Francis Urquhart is just days from completion and already signed to the BBC. "I'm lucky. I have got nothing to discuss, so I'm just going to enjoy Edinburgh and the festival with my wife."

Mortal coils

KWOK MAN HO, Cantonese astrologer and author of *The Chinese Horoscopes Library*, which is published today, has been musing on the autumnal battle ahead between the Prime Minister and his new adversary, Tony Blair. John Major, he points out, was born in the year of the Ram, while Blair labours under the sign of the Snake. Good news for Major? Not exactly.

According m Kwok, the ram is "the most mild-mannered and nervous of the animal signs", inclined at times to be hesitant, sulky and defensive. Unlike the snake, which Kwok describes as "a polite and confident creature, which finds itself attracted to debate and investigation" and has considerable reserves of "energy and enthusiasm".

But it's not all bad news for the Tories. Baroness Thatcher, born in the year of the ox, is "stubborn, outspoken and intolerant" — but also "reliable".

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REACH FOR THE STARS

The new GCSE grade must be a rigorous standard

This year's GCSE results suggest that examiners may be learning from past mistakes. Two years ago, school inspectors reported "a gradual erosion of standards" since the introduction of the examination in 1988. Since then, greater emphasis has been placed on written tests rather than course work; the GCSE has been integrated into the national curriculum; and markers have been urged to award grades with greater rigour. Although today's results are fractionally better than last year's, the difference does not warrant renewed concern about slipping standards.

The most pressing problem facing the GCSE is still one of identity. As the replacement for the O level and the CSE, the examination has had to perform two separate functions. For less able pupils, it has been a way of demonstrating basic academic competence to prospective employers. But the GCSE is also meant to spur brighter teenagers on to higher achievement and university application. In the latter role, it has yet to match the prestige of the old O level and is still regarded with scepticism in parts of the academic world.

Most offers of places on degree places are made before applicants have taken A levels. Because schools' predictions of the grades that their pupils will receive are notoriously unreliable, many universities rely heavily upon performance at GCSE as a guide to a candidate's potential. The continued uncertainty about the six-year-old examination as a test of academic excellence is as unwelcome to dons as it is to ambitious teenagers.

Reducing the proportion of course work in the GCSE is an important step in the right direction. In most subjects, traditional examination methods are still the most reliable way of assessing progress and understanding; the inconsistency of course work marking in the past has tended to discredit the GCSE. The boards could strengthen the examination's reputation by taking this welcome reform further.

In similar spirit, a new grade, the starred A, has been introduced this year. Only 3 per cent of the 650,000 candidates have been awarded this grade, which is intended to indicate particular distinction within the top group of pupils. It is not meant to replace the existing A grade but to be a subset of it. This principle must be adhered to meticulously.

The potential benefits of this new grade are clear. It will be an incentive to more academic pupils, looking for ways of stretching themselves intellectually. Many schools enter their candidates for an excessive number of GCSEs — 14 or 15 in some cases — in the hope that a string of A grades will mark them from the merely competent. But the starred A will enable the very best pupils to concentrate their efforts more sensibly and distinguish themselves without taking a ludicrous number of papers. A handful of starred As will be a more accurate guide to intellectual ability than 10 ordinary A grades. The best universities ought to welcome this innovation.

The risk of the reform is that the numbers awarded starred A grades will creep upward over the years so that the new mark effectively replaces the old A grade, which will in turn come to mean the same thing as the old B. Preferable to this would be a system of narrower grade bands enabling examiners to send an absolutely clear signal about an examinee's achievement; the defect of this otherwise attractive solution is that it would involve so much disruption. In contrast, the new starred A grade builds on reasonably firm foundations. Its success will depend upon a clear commitment never to award this distinction to more than a tiny percentage of candidates. This will be a good test of the Government's belief in educational excellence.

A TINGE OF GREEN

Environmentally conscious voters can afford to be pragmatic

Sir Jonathon Porritt, perhaps Britain's most popular Green activist, has been suspended from the Green Party for advising a supporter to vote tactically for a Plaid Cymru candidate in the European elections. While this might seem like just another spat in one of the spat-happiest of fringe parties, it also illuminates the dilemma facing those who want more environmentally-friendly policies. Should they vote for a Green Party candidate who will never win power, or should they vote tactically instead?

Mr Porritt's argument was that environmentalists should vote for the candidate with the best green credentials most likely to be elected. Under the first-past-the-post system, no official Green candidate has a chance in national elections, though a few have won seats on local councils. Even in 1989, when the party, at its zenith, won 15 per cent of the vote at the European elections, it secured no seats.

The "wasted vote" argument is one that plagues the Liberal Democrats. But for the Greens it can sometimes be a bonus. In 1989, many people were pleased to be able to vote Green, thereby sending an environmental message to the established parties, while remaining safe in the assurance that madcap policies could not be put into effect.

For the Greens as a party have lost all credibility. They have revealed themselves to be fonder of anarchy than organisation; and, ironically for a party that is supposed to "think global", they seem more interested in the minutiae of internal party politics than in saving the world. That one of their spokesmen, David Icke, proclaimed himself the "Son of God" was unfortunate; that they have managed to alienate their only two effective leaders — Sara Parkin and Sir Jonathon — is tantamount to political suicide.

Yet a vote for the Greens can sometimes achieve a purpose. It reminds the bigger parties that voters care about the environment. Such concern tends to wax and wane with the economic cycle, but the long-term trend is likely to be upwards. Membership of environmental pressure groups, from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to Greenpeace, amounts to some five million. And young people in particular are passionately green: nearly nine out of ten children profess to be interested in the environment.

Already these concerns have percolated through. Since Margaret Thatcher's speech to the Royal Society in 1988, green issues have become respectable. An unlikely coalition of New Age travellers and country-dwelling middle classes has forced a rethink of the Government's road-building plans. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has announced a moratorium on out-of-town shopping centres. And worries about the growing incidence of asthma have led to better monitoring of air pollution and stricter controls on vehicle emissions.

It is this piecemeal approach that appeals more to the average environmentally conscious voter than the all-encompassing, quasi-religious message of the official Greens. In its apocalyptic warnings and promises of redemption, the Green gospel has much in common with established religion. But most people want merely a green tinge to existing policies. Depending on the constituency, this is as likely to be achieved by voting tactically as by remaining pure.

SIMPLY SUSANA

The soap opera of Peru's First Family promises to run and run

Not so long ago, Peruvians were beguiled by a soap opera on television called *Simplemente Maria* — Simply Maria. This long-running confection dealt, as most Latin American *telenovelas* do, with the age-old themes of poverty and social justice. But nothing in that much-loved programme can match, for entertainment and for novelty, Peru's latest saga. Naturally, it is appropriate to call it Simply Susana.

It stars Susana Higuchi de Fujimori, until yesterday Peru's First Lady. Her co-star — or the villain, if you do not share his perspective — is Alberto Fujimori Fujimori, her husband and the country's rugged President. The two are locked, alas, not in breathless embrace but in serious dispute. Yet Señora Higuchi insists touchingly that there is "no marital discord", only a "battle of ideas": while she wishes to stand for President in next year's elections, her husband — who wants to run himself — is far from gruntled with his wife's ambitions. His mood has not been improved by her criticism of his "heartlessness" to the poor. Nor has that of his wife by the existence of a Peruvian electoral law — no doubt motivated by an admirable wish to avoid political dynasties — which prohibits the spouse of a President from running for the country's highest office.

Wishing to challenge the constitutionality of the rule which many have dubbed the "Susana Law", she was informed by the Attorney General that there were in Peru no tribunals empowered to rule on the question. The reason for this is simple: when President Fujimori dissolved Congress in his "Fuji-coup" of April 1992, he also dismantled the tribunal for constitutional guarantees. That is checkmate, unless Señora Higuchi decides to divorce the President. Señor Fujimori has now raised the temperature still further by stripping his wife of her functions as First Lady.

Peruvians have never found politics more rivetting. And ensconced in his expensive Paris apartment, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar — the former Secretary-General of the UN — is preparing to mount his challenge on the Fujimori citadel. One thing is certain: he will not entertain Peru in the manner to which it is becoming accustomed. At election time, his expatriate elegance could well meet the same fate as that of Mario Vargas Llosa, the novelist who was humbled at the polls by Señor Fujimori in 1990.

Anthropologists would remark on the striking decline of ancestral ways. The First Family is descended from Japanese immigrants, who will not have viewed this First Squabble with favour. Ancient Asian customs have crumbled in the brash New World. In this, *la familia* Fujimori shares a common theme with the Menems of Argentina. Descended from Syrians, Carlos Menem and his wife Zulema Yoma have also plunged into a life of constant altercation. Argentinians have enjoyed Simply Zulema for longer than their Peruvian cousins have had their own drama. *Machismo* ensures that Latin American politics is a male bastion. Yet the tale of Señora Higuchi reveals that even in Latin America, the days of the faceless First Lady may be numbered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The pressures on cathedrals to charge for admission

From the Dean of Wells

Sir, It seems churlish in the extreme, when Simon Jenkins has said nothing but the truth about my glorious cathedral at Wells ("The house that tithes built", August 20), to take issue with him on the subject of cathedral charges (see also letters, August 23). However, the cathedrals are not, as he contends, complaining that "nobody loves" them, nor is Wells "subject to the Great Taboo" in not raising the question of charging. Charging is very much on our agenda, as it is with several cathedrals.

Mr Jenkins writes of the typical cathedral being "adorned with a huge fund-raising thermometer that would discredit a car boot sale". This is a disgraceful calumny, as I know from my visits to cathedrals for the Archbishops' commission. If he is not ashamed of what the pictures of thin Africans represent, he might do worse than travel tomorrow to Rwanda.

But my criticism does not detract from the strength of some of the points raised by Mr Jenkins. I do expect that Wells, along with a number of other cathedrals, will institute a formal charge, sooner rather than later, but we shall still do it reluctantly: it is no mealy-mouthed piety to want to say that the cathedrals stand for God's grace, freely given.

It is not the simple decision Mr Jenkins seems to indicate. He writes of over a dozen visits he has made to Wells and I do just wonder if he would be prepared to pay £2.50 every time.

Deans and chapters are very conscious of their responsibility for our spiritual and architectural inheritance. The two are held in tension, for cathedrals are primarily places of worship, reconciliation. My great anxiety is for those who simply cannot afford to come in and who might thereby miss that precious sense of the eternal the Chapter House steps really do convey.

Yours sincerely,
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Deans and Provosts Conference),
The Dean's Lodging,
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From Mr Christopher G. R. Buxton

Sir, I read Simon Jenkins's article on my return from visiting many of the lovely buildings, secular and religious, in and around Bath. They included Bath Abbey, Wilton House and Salisbury Cathedral.

For myself and my companions it seemed normal and practical to pay the entry charges demanded, which many of us will have done all the more gladly for the conservation causes to which the charges were going.

All of us, ~~I think~~, sensed the incongruity of the hundreds of visitors pouring in to the abbey and the cathedral, in order to see the wonders of their architecture and to share the tranquillity of these ancient and holy places, without any compulsory entry charge.

Begging notices and open chests are not only undignified. They are also inefficient: some visitors do not or cannot read the notices; others do not have the right change or cannot get it. Walking into those buildings one's attention is immediately taken by all one sees and the moment for contributing may have passed.

A simple booth in the porch or at the entry to the close would take care of all this. Everyone would know where they were and would have paid before they entered the building. There could be exemptions and concessions for the elderly, the disabled, the young and students, and the unemployed. Those attending services, who could make their contributions to the collection, could also be exempt.

Yours faithfully,
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August 22.

From the Rector of Bath Abbey

Sir, As hinted at in your article on Westminster Abbey (August 17) we have another tier of church buildings alongside our cathedrals — the so-called "greater churches", which consist of our former abbeys and priories and which have now become parish churches.

Greater churches have cathedral-sized maintenance bills but suffer two disadvantages in meeting them: we cannot call on the loyalty of the diocese to help us, and we have to pay the church quota "tax" to central church funds from which cathedrals are exempt.

At Bath Abbey this year we have to pay a quota of £120,000 before we can address our own fabric costs. Our congregation gives generously, but if we and other greater churches are to survive, visitors must be prepared to contribute to their upkeep. Heritage funds must be made available to help meet capital costs.

Yours faithfully,
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August 23.

From the Very Reverend Peter Baelz

Sir, Cathedrals lead an uneasy double life. They are monuments of past achievement and symbols of present faith. The link, I suggest, lies in the wonder they evoke.

Conflict arises, not so much between the secular and the sacred, as between the technological and the spiritual. While technology requires disengagement and distancing, spiritual appreciation requires openness and exchange.

Of course we must draw upon all our professional skills and expertise to conserve the monument. Nevertheless, the cathedral has a voice of its own; and it would be tragic if we allowed all our talk, planning, visitor-management, requests for money and the like, to interrupt and drown out the quiet conversation and miracle of grace.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BAELZ,
36 Brynteg,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys.
August 23.

Rail strikes

From Mr Edward de Winter

Sir, Exactly what is the current *pre-tax* pay of the signalmen, including "built in" overtime, walking time, etc? It might help us decide which side to support. We usually read about percentage claims and offers rather than upon what these are based.

We might also ask the same concerning the Underground train drivers, who have announced a strike ballot (report, August 24). We could then make comparisons with the gross earnings of other folk.

Yours faithfully,
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Canford Cliffs, Dorset.

From Mr Kenneth Jagger

Sir, Public support for the RMT is mainly due to sentiment. The absence from work by so many signalmen is, I suspect, due to misguided loyalty and the effects of the blackmail threat of being branded as blacklegs.

Increased wage claims to keep in step with inflation are understandable and rational; but reward for past productivity that is brought about by capital investment rightly belongs to railway customers. It ought to be manifested in reduced transport charges.

When the power of the union is exercised to extract more than is properly due, the effect is inflationary and robs the people on fixed or low incomes. It is a great pity that the bludgeon of union power has been permitted to kidnap the signalmen's ability to rationalise, and their self-respect.

Yours etc,
KENNETH JAGGER,
18 Thorngrove Drive,
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

From Mr Colin Howard

Sir, Perhaps Mr Knapp should be wary of claiming, as he did yesterday, that 98 per cent of signalmen were on strike on a day when about 45 per cent of the trains ran. BR might begin to wonder how many signalmen it needs.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN HOWARD,
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August 24.

The civic bond

From Mrs Elisabeth Hoodless

Sir, Of course the Home Secretary is right to call for "the strengthening of the civic bond" ("How we bolster the civic society", August 16) but can he explain then why citizenship has been deleted from the national curriculum?

As the former Speaker, now Lord Weatherill, put it, "Citizenship, like anything else, has to be learned. Young people do not become good citizens by accident, any more than they become good nurses, or good engineers . . ." (foreword to the report of the Speaker's Commission on Citizenship, 1990). If it was right when the national curriculum was introduced, why is it not so in 1994?

Yours sincerely,
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Old English cricket lost for ever?

From Mr Dennis Coward

Sir, That remarkable spell of hostile fast bowling from the unpredictable Jamaican-Englishman, Devon Malcolm, has produced an equally exuberant burst of hyperbole from the media. In this connection (after reading his article, "Black gentlemen, white players", August 22) I have no hesitation in nominating William Rees-Mogg as man-of-the-match and the series.

By playing cricket "in the old English style", Devon Malcolm "honours a tradition that is under threat", says Lord Rees-Mogg and, as if to tell you that caution has not so much been thrown to the winds as belted over the pavilion for six, he follows up with: "If David Gower did not exist, one might think that the only gentlemen in modern English cricket were black."

This curious proposition is supported by referring to former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd as an example of a black cricketer who helped to revive the true spirit of the game.

I do feel that if Lord Rees-Mogg is going to write about cricket he needs to get back to line and length. This kind of wildness is all very well when writing about less important things like history, politics, life. But cricket is serious.

The fact is that Clive Lloyd (pleasant and agreeable man that he is off the field) presided over the systematic destruction of "cricket in the old English style" by maintaining a constant barrage of intimidatory short-pitched fast bowling from both ends, all day.

"The old English style" gave way to helmets, several layers of padding and a determination to dish out the same level of grievous bodily harm whenever the opportunity arose. Devon Malcolm, on form and on target, presents the England team with just such an opportunity.

It has nothing to do with "the old English style" or "the true spirit of the game", as Lord Rees-Mogg claims. It is the new spirit of the game and it is pure Caribbean.

Yours faithfully,
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August 23.

From Mrs Pamela Forde

Sir, Has William Rees-Mogg never heard of Peter May, unarguably the epitome of his definition of a gentleman: " . . . someone who lives by the chivalrous code of courage combined with generosity to others and modesty about himself"?

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA FORDE,
Norther Farm, Cranleigh, Surrey.
August 22.

Kashmir dispute

From the Indian High Commissioner

Sir, Your editorial, "Rao's rhetoric" (August 16), misses the key point as to why the situation in Jammu-Kashmir deteriorated rapidly since 1989. You have omitted to even mention the central element of external support from Pakistan to an alliance of terrorism, religious fanaticism and secessionism forged to destabilise India.

In blaming India for the fact that a plebiscite under UN resolutions was not held in Jammu-Kashmir, you also omit to mention that the plebiscite offer made by India was contingent on Pakistan vacating the parts of Jammu-Kashmir occupied by it. Pakistan did not carry out that primary condition.

There was nothing in Prime Minister Narasimha Rao's speech of August 15 to imply that India, as you suggest, is relying on a military solution to resolve the crisis in Jammu-Kashmir. On the contrary. He exhorted Pakistan not to reject the hand of friendship which India is extending in the interest of peaceful co-existence.

We welcome your suggestion that both India and Pakistan should work towards a "genuinely conciliatory agenda". The Simla Agreement signed by the two countries in 1972 provides the mechanism for the "negotiated and intelligent diplomacy" that you recommend to both countries.

Your aspersions on India's credentials and human rights situation "throughout India" are entirely unjustified. India is a robust democracy, as has been demonstrated time and again in the last 47 years. We also have a National Human Rights Commission, a watchdog body which is chaired by a former Chief Justice of India whose reputation is impeccable. The commission is independent and has done commendable work since its inception.

Yours faithfully,
L. M. SINGHVI,
India House, Aldwych, WC2.

From Mr Azmat A. Khan

Sir, According to a recent report by UN economists, India and Pakistan together accounted for 18 per cent of the world's arms imports during the years 1988-92. Together they spent $19 billion on arms, with the Indian share largely spent on crushing the rebellion in Kashmir. It seems not to have dawned on either government that such a sum could be better used to provide education for 15 million people and drinking water for 55 million.

The Jammu-Kashmir issue is not one of territory: it is an issue of self-determination for a nation of 12 million. No protracted negotiations or intelligent diplomacy are likely to resolve it without the presence of the Kashmiri leaders; and that is not likely to happen unless there is substantial international pressure upon both India and Pakistan to involve these leaders in the negotiations.

The ill-fated and down-trodden Kashmiris, in the meanwhile, will do well to look for oil and diamond reserves in their beautiful land in order to attract Western attention to their plight and cries for freedom.

Yours faithfully,
AZMAT KHAN,
Leeds Metropolitan University
(Faculty of Learning Support),
Calverley Street,
Leeds 1, West Yorkshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Dubious privilege in time of war

From Mr J. A. Williams

Sir, This week, Paris will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its liberation by the allied forces. During that same week, 50 years ago, some 2,000 rather scruffy men walked through the gates of the St Denis internment camp, ZI 122, near Paris, to taste freedom for the first time in four years.

We were known locally as *les Anglais*, but English and other UK nationals were in a minority. Some War Graves Commission gardeners, businessmen, others in the horse-racing or show-business fraternities, students (like myself) and a few remittance men perhaps, but the rest were British passport-holders, which in those pre-independence days could mean every nationality under the sun.

They originated from countries in the old colonial empire and had opted to make a living in France: Cypriot hairdressers, Maltese dockers, Indians, Mauritians, French Canadians, Palestinians, sons of Anglo-French marriages and others, not to forget a pair of Somali pimps — the best dressed men in the camp without doubt.

But they were British and, once the war ended, they were to receive letters from the Foreign Office claiming reimbursement for pocket money and other expenses advanced to us through the Red Cross during our incarceration.

A South African friend received, and paid, a bill for over £200. The claim against me — I was by then a serving soldier in India — came to £93 and was eventually written off, but I have often wondered how the Cypriot hairdressers, the Maltese dockers and the others fared.

It would also be interesting to know if other belligerents expected their citizens to pay for the privilege of being interned by the enemy.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. WILLIAMS,
2 Rue Conakry,
Rabat, Morocco.
August 20.

Citizens' patrols

From Mr W. J. Richmond

Sir, If indeed it is the Government's intention to encourage the public's active participation in supporting the enforcing of law in our own neighbourhoods (report, August 15; letters, August 22), it is of paramount importance that it is seen to support these civilians in this task.

This can most obviously be achieved by prosecuting wrong-doers and *sentencing realistically* those found guilty.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. RICHMOND,
38 Normandy Avenue,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.
August 22.

A talent to amuse

From Mr Peter Bradley

Sir, It was sad to read of the death of Selwyn Powell (Obituary, August 17). I worked under him for some years at *The Geographical Magazine* as assistant editor. He was a very amusing man. He had a store of ruthless epithets for many of the people he had to deal with — including himself.

One weekend, two of his boys developed chicken-pox, and Selwyn decided not to commute from Cumberland that week. He sent me a letter instead, explaining this and giving some instructions. At the top of the envelope he had written in bold capitals: "Burn Before Opening."

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRADLEY,
45 Beulah Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
August 19.

Persistent puzzler

From Dr R. C. Evans

Sir, I am happy to see (Weekend, August 20) that I solved *The Listener* crossnumber problem no. 3264 that appeared recently in your columns, even though I was not among the three lucky prizewinners.

Sixty-two years ago I likewise solved the very first such arithmetical puzzle to be published in *The Listener*. In those days a prize was awarded to *every* successful solver and I still have on my shelves the copy of Negley Farson's *Sailing across Europe* that I chose as my prize.

It carries *The Listener* bookplate signed by Richard Lambert as editor and dated May 11, 1932.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. EVANS,
55 Boxworth Road,
Elsworth, Cambridge.
August 20.

Hospital food

From Dr J. Davies-Humphreys

Sir, Dr Shelagh Heffernan's failure when in a hospital bed to receive the food she had ordered (letter, August 19) was probably due to computer error. The remedy is to replace the chef with a manager.

Yours faithfully,
J. DAVIES-HUMPHREYS,
Y Bwthyn, Rowen, Conwy, Gwynedd.
August 20.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 24: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Birthdays today

Mr Martin Amis, author, 45; Miss Anne Archer, actress, 47; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, 64; Mr Jonathan Ashley-Smith, conservationist, 48; Mr Conrad Black, Chairman of *The Telegraph*, 50; Mr Sean Connery, actor, 64; Lord Dunsany, 88; Sir Malcolm Field, chief executive, W H Smith Group, 57; Dr Desmond Flower, former chairman, Cassell and Company, 87; Mr Frederick Forsyth, author, 56; Mr Andrew Gardner, broadcaster, 62; Professor Peter Gray, Master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 68; Viscount Hardinge, 38; Mr Howard Jacobson, novelist and critic, 52; Sir Donald Logan, diplomat, 77; Lord McGregor of Durris, 73; Mr Angus Mitchell, former chairman of court, Stirling University, 70; Mr Brian Moore, novelist, 73; Mr David Richards, former deputy chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 66; the Earl of Roden, 56; Miss Margaret Rothwell, diplomat, 56; Sir Crispin Tickell, Warden, Green College, Oxford, 64; Mrs M.S. Trenaman, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 75; Mr James Wallace, MP, 40; Professor Anne Warner, physiologist, 54.

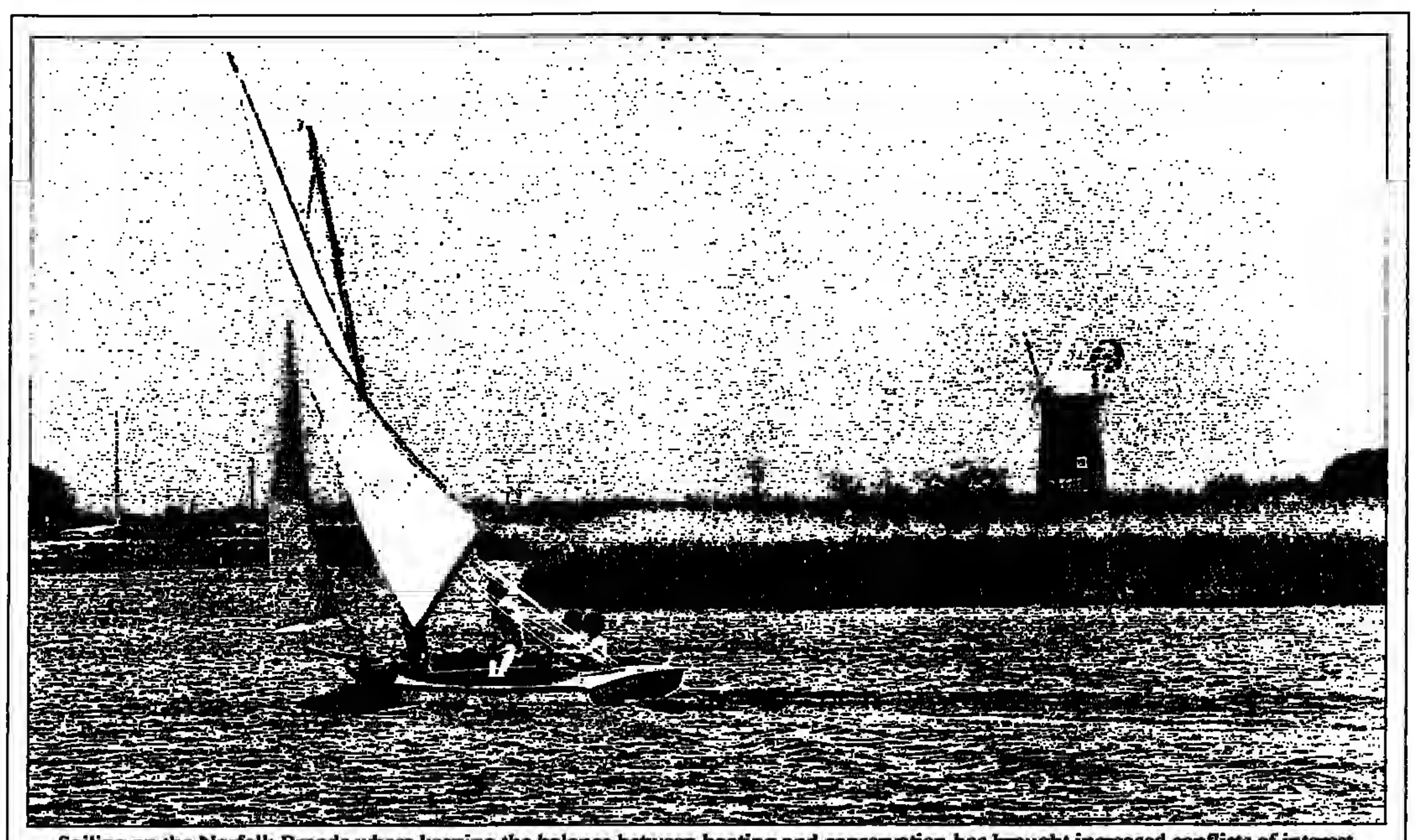
Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Etienne Camus, mathematician, Crécy-en-Brie, 1699; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective agency, Glasgow, 1819; Bret Harte, writer, Albany, New York, 1836; Leonard Bernstein, composer, Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1918.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Morgan, buccaneer, Jamaica, 1688; David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1776; Alexander Carlyle, Moderator of the General Assembly, 1770, Inveresk, 1805; James Watt, engineer, Birmingham, 1819; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Buckinghamshire, 1822; Michael Faraday, physicist, near Hampton Court, 1867; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Weimar, 1900; Henri Fantin-Latour, painter, Bure, France, 1904; Grigory Zinoviev, revolutionary, executed, Moscow, 1936; George, Duke of Kent, killed on active service, near Dunbeath, Scotland, 1942; George Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi leader, murdered, Arlington, Virginia, 1967; Stanley Bruce, 1st Viscount Bruce of Melbourne, Prime Minister of Australia 1923-29, London, 1967; Eyvind Johnson, novelist, Nobel laureate 1974, Stockholm, 1976; Truman Capote, writer, Hollywood, 1984.

Henry William Crawford patented a process for producing galvanized iron, 1837.

Captain Matthew Webb became the first person to swim the English Channel, 1875.



Sailing on the Norfolk Broads where keeping the balance between boating and conservation has brought increased conflicts of interest

Norfolk boatmen let fly a winning broadside

By Michael Horsnell

BOATMEN on the ancient waters of the Norfolk Broads were yesterday celebrating a famous victory against the "high handed" action of the Environment Secretary John Gummer which reduced their representation rights on the governing Broads Authority.

Faced with a High Court case over his unexplained refusal to reappoint their nominee in favour of increased conservation interests, the environment department conceded that he had failed to observe the requirements of the 1988 Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act.

Yesterday the leading yachtsman Michael Evans was expected to be restored to the authority.

The 200 mile network of meandering rivers and meres, created when rising sea levels inundated medieval peat-diggings, has witnessed growing conflict between those who ply the busiest inland waterway in western Europe on 13,000 registered craft and those who visit the reed-beds for the bearded tit and swallowtail butterfly.

According to dark mutterings on the Broads, Mr Gummer displaced Mr Evans after taking soundings from the Countryside Commission but failing to consult the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

Mr Evans, 58, executive director of the International Yacht Racing Union, said: "I have no idea why I was not reappointed, no reason has been given to me. It's a mystery."

Mr Evans, an Olympics yachting official from Wroxham, added: "I am a member of the Norfolk Naturalists Trust because I am a conservationist as much as a navigator. It's important to maintain a balance between boating and conservation. But it must not be forgotten that there is an important right of navigation. There has been since the Vikings were here."

Mr Evans hopes to be reappointed by Mr Gummer to the Broads Authority, which he has served since its inception in 1988, following the legal action by the RYA backed by the British Marine Industries Federation and the Inland Waterways Association.

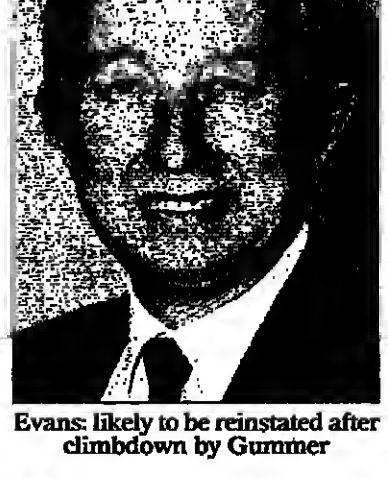
The boatmen successfully claimed that the environment secretary's unexplained action contravened the 1988 Act and undermined their rightful representation by sacrificing Mr Evans for an extra member from the conservation lobby.

Faced with a judicial review, the environment department conceded that Mr Gummer had not properly consulted the RYA under the Act which requires three nominees from each category to represent conservation, boating and navigation interests.

Cedric Selby, chairman of the cruising and general purposes committee of the RYA, said: "The failure by the DoE to follow the correct consultation process was a great concern to us, particularly since the RYA enjoys the right of consultation over ministerial appointments on dozens of navigation authorities and harbour boards around the country.

"We were even more concerned by their high handed refusal to correct the position once the mistake had been pointed out. In the circumstances we had no option but to take legal action to put matters right."

The environment department said: "We have acknowledged that proper consultation procedures were not carried out. It appears there was a mix-up between the department and the Countryside Commission."



Evans: likely to be reinstated after climbdown by Gummer

Michael Carroll, eastern regional officer for the Countryside Commission, denied that the organisation had been involved in the unlawful displacement of Mr Evans.

The Broads Authority declined to comment.

Forthcoming marriages

Major R.H. Bodington
and Miss R.C. Keitley-Webb
The engagement is announced between Major Hugh Bodington, Welsh Guards, son of Mrs D.B. Bodington, of North Curry, Somerset and stepson of the late Major W.J. Bodington, and Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.W. Keitley-Webb, of Monks Eleigh, Suffolk.

Mr R. Grayson
and Miss N.S. Hinde
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Grayson, of Kew, Surrey, and Nichola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hinde, of Iver, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A. Herron
and Miss T. Grist
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mr A.G. Herron, of Fulham, and of Mrs D.J. Herron, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, and Tina, youngest daughter of Mr W.G. Grist, of Portsmouth, Hampshire and of the late Mrs R.N. Grist.

Mr G.J. Hughes
and Miss J. Godley
The engagement is announced between Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs Maxwell Hughes, of Kiama, New South Wales, Australia, and Joanna, younger daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Peter Godley, of Westcott, Surrey.

Mr L. St. J. Orman
and Miss J.A. Cheval
The engagement is announced between Lestocq, son of Mrs David Weston, of Burritt's Rapids, Ontario, Canada, and the late Mr Frederick Orman, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Cheval, of Moraira, Spain.

Mr T.C.G. Perkins
and Miss A. Burdge
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Major Christopher Perkins, and of Mrs Sheila Perkins, of Baverstock, Wiltshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Burdge, of Sissinghurst, Kent.

Mr A.J. Port
and Miss S.A. Lucie-Smith
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs W.G.A. Port, of Highcliffe, and Sue, only daughter of Wing Commander H. and Dr R. Lucie-Smith, of Epsom.

Mr C.W.R Palmer
and Miss E.T. de Candamo
The engagement is announced between Cleeves, younger son of the late Mr Anthony Palmer and of Mrs A.E.C. Wylde, of Bridport, Dorset, and Edwina, only daughter of the late Mr Antony de Candamo and of Mrs V. de Candamo, of Tincleton, Dorset.

Mr N.P.R. Riddle
and Miss M.K. Utiger
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Dr and Mrs P.N. Riddle, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Utiger, of St Margaret's, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Mr C.J. Todd
and Miss S.M. Kohnstam
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Todd, of Chichester, and Susan, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs G. Kohnstam, of Durham.

Sir Henry Wilmot, Bt
and Miss S.C. Malvern
The engagement is announced between Harry, elder son of the late Sir Robert Wilmot, Bt, and of Mrs Juliet Wilmot, of Chitoe, Wiltshire, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Malvern, of Roehampton, London.

Mr M.J. Wilson-Jarvis
and Miss C.A. Saunders
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.R. Wilson-Jarvis, of Johannesburg, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.S. Saunders, of Canterbury.

Mr D.A. Wyles
and Miss B.M. Walsh
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wyles, of Stanton St Bernard, Wiltshire, and Brigid, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs P.J. Walsh, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

Marriage

Mr D.M. Boobbyer
and Miss F.E. Leyland
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Holy Trinity, Eckington, Worcestershire, of Mr David Martin Boobbyer and Miss Fiona Elliott Leyland.

Latest wills

Colonel James **Vaughan-Williams** of Mumbles, Swansea, Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan 1985-88, left estate valued at £223,886 net.

Lieutenant Colonel John Derrick **Hignett**, of East Langton, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £769,991 net.

Mr Peter Claude Vaudrey **Barker-Mill**, of Wells, Somerset, left estate valued at £2,221,565 net.

He left £100,000 to his trustees for the benefit of Artspace Bristol, conditionally on them establishing a gallery for exhibiting works of sculpture; £30,000 to Save the Children; £15,000 each to the National Art Collections Fund and Historic Churches Preservation Trust; £7,500 each to the Greenpeace Environmental Trust and Friends of the Earth Trust; and his Welsh embroidery of The Last Supper to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Mrs Marie Immaculee Antoinette **Woodruff**, of Marcham Priory, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, widow of Douglas Woodruff, the Roman Catholic scholar, left estate valued at £381,382 net.

She left £500 to the Church of Our Lady and St Edmund, Abingdon.

Mr Joseph Marcus **Rosenbaum**, of Ecton Brook, Northampton, left estate valued at £209,012 net.

He left all of his estate to the Jewish Philanthropic Association for Israel and the Middle East.

Mr David Henry **Fetherstonhaugh**, of Abergele, Clwyd, left estate valued at £3,773,597 net.

Mr Robert Lane **Bayne-Powell**, of Borough Green, Kent, formerly Senior Registrar of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice, left estate valued at £491,214 net.

He left £5,000 to St Mary's Church, Platt, £2,500 and his miniature of a lady by Sir William Charles Ross, RA, to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, £1,000 each to the Athenaeum, London SW1, Cancer Research Campaign, Christian Aid and Save the Children Fund, £500 to the Barristers Benevolent Association, and £250 to St Mary's (Platt) Memorial Hall.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Joseph **Threlkeld**, of Appleby in Westmoreland, Cumbria £645,544.

Mrs Alice Maud Dorothy **Watson**, of Henfield, West Sussex £744,673.

Miss Mary Gardner Ure **Aitkenhead**, of Greenfield, Greater Manchester £626,452

Mr Peter Roy **Bood**, of Epping, Essex £859,234

Doris **Dalby**, of East Keswick, North Yorkshire £515,267

Mr Tom John **Hibberd**, of Colehill, Dorset £1,135,166

Mr Alan Stuart **Hitchings**, of Ardleigh, Essex £731,729

Catherine Dulcie **Humphry**, of Abergavenny, Gwent £1,009,226

Mr Trevor Hazeldine **Kessell**, of West Chiltington, West Sussex £1,107,225

Miss Esme Gertrude **Morton**, of Upton, Merseyside £520,946

Mr Richard Chaplow **Otway**, of Kendal, Cumbria £940,539

Mrs Jean Margaret **Pallister**, of London N6 .... £998,983

Mrs Joan Kathleen **Schroder**, of Curry Rivel, Somerset £3,331,507

Mr Thomas **Bailey**, of Darwen, Lancashire £895,739

Mr Geoffrey Thomas **Bartlett**, of West Kirby, Merseyside ... £835,697

Mr Patrick Joseph **Cooke**, of Coulsdon, Surrey £599,147

Mr Frank Edward Mayhew **Ducker**, of London N20, £535,684

Mrs Gwendoline Joan **East**, of Hindhead, Surrey £1,112,183

Church news

Retirements and resignations

The Rev Neil Brunning, Vicar, the Glentworth group of parishes (Lincoln): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Christopher Hodgson, Assistant Curate, St Clement, Castle Bromwich (Birmingham), who is to retire as from August 31: to have permission to officiate same diocese.

The Rev Canon Anthony Martin, whose retirement as Vicar of Bowdon (Chester) as from August 31 is already announced: to be then appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chester Cathedral.

The Rev David Overton, Curate-in-charge, St George, Waddon (Southwark): to resign as from August 31.

The Rev Roger Reader, Vicar, St Matthew's, Ponders End (London): to resign as from August 31.

Institute of Administrative Management

The following have successfully completed the institute's Diploma in Administrative Management:

A Ang Choe Keng (Singapore); Ang Hui Ling (Singapore); Ang Poh Tin (Singapore); D/O K Vannithamby, Athi Ranee (Singapore); T Bernasconi (Swindon); R Bradley (Belfast); S Burke (London); L A Cain (Herts); M F Campbell (Belfast); J S Chadburn-Tennyson (Derbyshire); Chan Ee Yuee (Singapore); S Chan Lai Peng (Singapore); T Chan Tak Fai (Hong Kong); B Chan Wing Yee (Hong Kong); M Chan Yee Mun (Singapore); A Chang Yoke Leng (Singapore); Cheah Mei Ling (Singapore); Cheung May Kwan (Hong Kong); Ching Ai Hwa (Singapore); A Chong Yee Leng (Singapore); Chow Lai Peng (Singapore); M Chua Lai Chueng (Singapore); Chui Chee Fun (Singapore); S N Clarke (Wilts); H C Corner (S Yorkshire); H C Cranshaw (London); J G Dabbs (Wiltshire); C A De Silva (West Indies); J Dickenson (S Glam); E Er Ai Gem (Singapore); B Fieldhouse (Doncaster); Foong Sook Ying (Singapore); B Foong Yoke Yeng (Singapore); J M French (Doncaster); D Goh Gek Wan (Singapore); D Goh Siew Noi (Singapore); Goh Yee Ling (Singapore); A Goodwin (Doncaster); J M Greenan (Doncaster); K S Harpley (Nottingham); Haw Geok Keow (Singapore); Ho Fong Yen (Singapore); Ho Lay Hwa (Singapore); Ho Lay Khim (Singapore); Hoo Li Eng (Singapore); J E Kirk (Nottingham); Kiu Toon Ling (Singapore); Kok Kin Yeong (Singapore); D Kong Kai Yan (Singapore); Kwok Wai (Singapore); C Lam Wai Hung (Hong Kong); S V Lambert (Notts); C M Law (Doncaster); S Lee (Singapore); I Lee Chun Moi (Singapore); Lee Geok Peng (Singapore); S Lee Kwee Kee (Singapore); Lee Lee Cheng (Malaysia Wst); Lee Lee Pui (Singapore); Lee Li Fong (Singapore); Lek Siang Lang (Singapore); Leong Cheng Hong (Singapore); M Leung Yi Man (Hong Kong); Lew Mei Yunn (Singapore); Li Yung Cheung (Hong Kong); Lim Gek Hong (Malaysia); Lim Khoon Eng (Singapore); Lim Lai Ngo (Singapore); S Lim Meng Keow (Singapore); J Lim Sol Chin (Singapore); P Loh Huey Leng (Singapore); Loh Mei Chun (Singapore); A Loke (Singapore); D Loo Fook Onn (Singapore); R Low Cheng Kim (Singapore); P Lui Lai Yee (Singapore); M Lwin (Singapore); C M McKechnie (Belfast); L M Millar (Doncaster); A B Mohamed (Singapore); Mok Sau Har (Singapore); R G Monds (N Ireland); J Nah Lee Peng (Singapore); Ng Chung Ngee (Singapore); Ng Kei Cheung (Hong Kong); P Ng Soke Tin (Singapore); Noridah Bte Ahmad (Singapore); Normah Bte Yaacob (Singapore); Ong Cheng Huat (Singapore); P Ong Hui Kuan (Singapore); Ong Lu Ling (Singapore); Ong Meng Chu (Singapore); M Ong Moy Geem (Singapore); L Phua Gek Siang (Singapore); J Purcocks (West Midlands); Radha Kumari (Singapore); R M Reynolds (Nottingham); S R Rich (Swindon); M G Roberts (W Midlands); Sabrina Miriam (Singapore); L Salisbury (USA); D Salkeld (S Yorkshire); J Seah Hong Ching (Singapore); A Senthamarai (Singapore); R Sim Chiew Ling (Singapore); R W Smart (Nottingham); Soh Theng Tat (Singapore); P Stackhouse (Walsall); S Tan Chiew Mui (Singapore); Tan Chin Yeon (Malaysia); I Tan Chwee Geok (Singapore); T Tan Hwee Teng (Singapore); I Tan Kheng Hoon (Singapore); S Tan Lay Ai (Singapore); Tan Siew Keng (Singapore); K Tay Buay Hiah (Singapore); Tay Lay Eng (Singapore); A Taylor (Swindon); C Teng Mei Lin (Singapore); K Tey Woan Jiun (Singapore); P F Thomson (Swindon); C M Turnbull (Wilts); Tye Su Reen (Malaysia); S M White (Manchester); H C Whittley (N Ireland); C Wong Kit Jing (Singapore); I Wong Miu Ling (Hong Kong); J Wong Peck Lai (Singapore); Wong Siew Peng (Singapore); Wong Siu Fong (Hong Kong); Wong Siu Yin (Hong Kong); Wong Wai Kit (Singapore); C Woon Chin Fong (Singapore); Yap Chiew Peng (Malaysia); Yem Suet Cheow (Malaysia); Yeo Tim Kow (Singapore); Yiu Sau Kam (Hong Kong); A J Young (Wiltshire); Yue Sow Kuen (Singapore); Yuet Tsang Sau (Hong Kong).

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I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart; I have proclaimed your faithfulness and saving power, and have not concealed your unfailing love and truth.
Psalm 40:10

BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS - On 25th July, to Iain and Sarah, a daughter, Alexandra Christie, born 9.03pm, weighing 6lb 5oz. Many thanks to Mr Graham Barker and all maternity staff at Portland Hospital.

BULLIVANT - On August 24th, to Sarah (née Spooner) and George, a daughter, sister for Rosanna and Kate.

COLLYER-BRISTOW - On August 24th, at Gloucester Maternity Hospital, to Alison (née Fairgrieve) and Simon, a son, Augustus George, a brother for Eleanor, Frederick, Archibald and Clementine.

COTRAN - On August 17th, to Penny (née Lewis) and Patrick, a daughter, Polly Elizabeth Mary.

GIBBS - On 22nd August, to Arabella (née Loudoun-Shand) and Ian, a son, Aidan Donald.

JOLLANDS - On August 20th to Caroline (née Grant) and Giles, a daughter, Sophie Arabella, a sister for Venetia.

KELLEHER - On August 1st to St. Louis, USA, to Valerie (née Raisman) and Chris, twin girls Natalie Grace and Rebecca Clare. Sisters for Katherine.

MACKINLAY - On August 23rd to Julia and Scott, a son, Myles, a brother for Brittney.

PARSEGHIAN - August 4th to Dona and Apraham, a beautiful daughter.

PELMORE - On August 23rd, 1994, at the Old Farmhouse, to Pat (née Copping) and Alec, a son, Michael Robert, a brother for Richard and Christopher.

POCKNELL - On 18th August, at Arrowhead Hospital, Glendale, Arizona USA, a daughter Victoria Charlotte Mary-Rose, to Janice and Kieron, and a much adored sister to William and Thomas

BIRTHS

RICHLI - On 19th August to Francois and Olivia (née Bown) a son, Ivo, a brother for Bronie.

TYLER - On August 20th at The Portland Hospital to Claire (née Posner) and Geoff, a daughter, Amy Beth.

WRIGHT - On August 14th, to Julia (née Smith) and Matthew, a daughter, Alexandra Charlotte, a sister for Olivia.

DEATHS

BARRAN - On August 20th 1994, Edward Nicholson, aged 84, much loved husband of Pat, and father of Nicholas, Stephen, Alice, Charles and Frances. Funeral service at St Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth on Wednesday August 31st, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

BRADLEY - On August 17th, peacefully at The Margaret Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, surrounded by his loving family, after a long illness borne with great fortitude. Michael. For many years, Power Station Superintendant with The State Electricity Department, Government of Qatar. Beloved husband, father and poppa. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead London E11, Friday August 26th at 11.00 am. Family flowers only by request, but donations, if desired, to The Margaret Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11.

CARR - On 24th August 1994, Denise Ormond Selby (Denny) née Yeatman of Fernlea Barn, Bampton, Oxon. Dearly beloved wife of Bill, mother of Charlie and Linda, grandmother of Nicholas and Katina. Private funeral - family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Bampton on Wednesday 31st August at 12pm. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Trust, c/o Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

DEATHS

CATESBY - Maurice William (Mick) M.C. - On August 22nd 1994, peacefully after a short illness. A courageous, wise and loving man. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Deb, Prue and Julie and a dear Grandpa and father-in-law. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for the Ralph Bates Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, c/o W.J. Wright, Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Glos. GL54 1DG. Tel: 0451 831829.

CHAVASSE - On August 23rd 1994, Captain Paul Morrison Bushe C.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., aged 86, beloved husband of Patricia and father of Timothy and Isabel, died in St Brendon's Home, County Cork. Funeral on Friday 26th August 2.30 pm, Castle Townshend, County Cork.

CHRISTIE - David John Mackie Christie, of Copthorne, passed away at Crawley Hospital on 21st August, after a long and courageous battle against illness. He was 64. Mr Christie leaves a wife, Hilde and three sons, Graeme, Stuart and Michael. He will be greatly missed. Mr Christie was an Underwriter in the City of London for many years. The funeral will be held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, on Tuesday 30th August at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, donations may be made if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Funeral arrangements by Brinkhurst. Tel: 0342 323092.

DEATHS

CLEMMEY - Dr.Albert Victor. On August 22nd 1994, at home in Liverpool, aged 95 years. Beloved husband and companion of Norah for 63 years. Dearly loved father of David, Jennifer, Mary and Robert. Will be sadly missed by all his family, professional colleagues and friends. Service at All Hallows Church, Allerton, Liverpool on Friday 26th August at 1.15pm, followed by interment at Allerton cemetery at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu for R.N.L.I. c/o, The Pearson-Collinson Funeral Service, 91 Allerton Road, Liverpool L18 2DD.

DU PONTET - On Sunday 21st August, at Henlon Nursing Home, Phoebe Beatrice, peacefully aged 87. Widow of Godfrey and much loved mother, grandmother and sister. Service will be held at 12.30pm on Tuesday 30th August at Taunton Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, c/o T. Wicks & Son Funeral Directors, 73 High Street, Wells, Somerset.

FREEDMAN - On 23rd August, peacefully in the Wimbledon Beaumont Nursing Home, Cara Kathlyn, much loved mother of Maralyn and Clive and grandmother of Louisa, James and Edward. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 26th August at 4.00pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to a charity for the relief of suffering (such as Oxfam Rwanda Appeal - 0800-557726 or 071-685-0220)

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DEATHS

GIBSON - Peacefully at Chamberlain Nursing Home on August 22nd 1994, Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Nisbet, beloved wife of the late David Gibson and mother of the late Margaret. Service at Morningside Braid Church on Wednesday August 31st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to National Trust for Scotland (Gardens), 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DU.

HARRISON - On August 23rd 1994, Betty, aged 73 years. Beloved wife of the late Stanley, much loved mother of Penny Pepler and Susan Pocklington. Funeral Service at 11.15 am on Friday August 26th at All Saints' Church, Wellingore, followed by private cremation at Lincoln. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign, 17 Parksgate Avenue, Lincoln.

HILDER - On August 24th 1994, at home, John, after a short but gallant fight against cancer, beloved companion of Maggie, dear father of Rose and Paul. Private cremation, no flowers. Details of Thanksgiving Service for his life to be announced later.

HOLDERNESS - On August 22nd 1994 peacefully at Lymington Hospital, Geoffrey Roy, aged 69 years, late of Malvern. Dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Tuesday, August 30th, at 10.45 a.m. No flowers by special request but donations for British Heart Foundation, c/o Diamond and Son, F.D., Lymington, SO41 9DN. (0590) 672060.

HUNTER-DUNN - Evelyn, died 23rd August aged 97, at Tiverton Hospital after a short illness. The widow of Dr. O. Hunter-Dunn of Farnborough, Hants, she was the beloved mother of Christopher, step-mother of Betty, Joan and Rosamond, and "Gran" to two further generations. Funeral at St George's Church, Tiverton, on Tuesday 30th at 2.30pm. Donations instead of flowers to St George's Church Loop System for the Deaf. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..." (Rev. 14.13)

KINNEIR - On 23rd August to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Jock Kinneir, aged 77 years. Family flowers only please, but any donations for the Horton General Hospital Scanner Appeal. All enquiries to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 8DG. Tel: 0295 265424

LE FLEMING - Kitty. Suddenly on Saturday 20th August, after a long and happy life. Beloved mother of Dillys and Patricia. Will be greatly missed. Thanksgiving Service on Friday 2nd September at St James' Church, Birlingham, near Pershore, Worcestershire, at 3.00pm. Flowers to Perks Brothers Ltd., Church Street, Eckington, Worcestershire. Tel: 0386 750227

LEGGETT - Peter (DMA) of Guildford and Oxshott on August 21st died at Epsom Hospital, despite skill and care. Loved by family - Enid, Richard and Elisabeth; Richard Katie and Pippa; Aidan and Christine. Private cremation. Memorial service to be announced later. He was the delight of our lives.

LUCAS - On August 21st, peacefully at Swanage Hospital, Doctor Bernard George Budden Lucas, Knight of the Order of St John. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on August 31st at 12 noon. Flowers or donations for Swanage Hospital Amenities Fund may be sent to James Smith Funeral Directors, 60a Kings Road, Swanage, Dorset. Tel: 0929 422448

McGREGOR - On 21st August 1994, David Colin McGregor, C.A.F., Inst. Petrolium. For many years Finance Adviser to the Ministry of Oil Affairs, Kuwait Govt., and previously with F.C. Strick Co. Basrah, Iraq. Lately retired to West Hanney, Oxon. Funeral Service to be held at The Church of St James the Great, West Hanney, Oxon, on Thursday 1st September, 2.30 pm. No flowers please. If desired, donations in his memory for The Wild Life Fund or R.N.L.I. c/o R.H. Barker, 40, Wantage Rd, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0BT. Enquiries on 0235 810033

METHUEN - On 24th August, peacefully at Corsham Court after a short illness, Anthony John, 6th Baron, aged 68. Much loved brother of Robert and Elizabeth, uncle and great uncle. Funeral Service St Bartholomew's Church, Corsham, to be announced later.

NAIRN - Peacefully on 23rd August 1994, Kaye, beloved wife of the late Charles, dearly loved and loving mother of Sheila and Kathryn, and much loved grandmother and mother-in-law. Service at St Martin's Church, Epsom, on Tuesday 30th August at 2.30 pm, followed by Randalls Park Crematorium 3.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd, 0737 723337.

NORTHOVER - On August 23rd 1994, Fr. Thomas Northover S.J., formerly of Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill, Derbyshire. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe, Bournemouth on Tuesday August 30th at 11.30am. No flowers please.

PATON - On August 23rd, suddenly in Scotland, Michael Andrew Paton, late of Cardiff Hall, Jamaica. Funeral private.

RAWLINS - On Tuesday 23rd August, peacefully to Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, June Rosemary (née Gill), dearly loved wife of Christopher (Kit) Rawlins, mother of Nigel and grandmother of Katie and Tom. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Hawkesbury, near Badminton, Avon at 3.30pm on Wednesday 31st August. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Glosters Regimental Association or Friends of St Mary's, c/o E.C. Alderwick & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 11 Regents Street, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 2JX

SALTER - On 23rd August, Yolan, died at home after a brave fight against cancer, and is now at peace. A strong, caring, peace-loving character. Yolan was greatly loved and will be much missed by all who knew her. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th August at 2.30 pm at Torquay Crematorium. No flowers but donations to Sight-Savers, c/o Perring Funeral Services, 101a High Street, Totnes, Devon. Tel:0803 862417.

SKYRME - On 23rd August, peacefully at home, Suzanne, daughter of Lord Lyle of Westbourne and much loved mother of Carolyn, Diana and Anthony. Funeral at St Mary's, Bourne Street, London SW1 on Tuesday 30th August at 2.15pm. If desired, donations to the Greater London Fund for the Blind (Sightline), 12 Whitehouse Mews, 37 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7QD.

STRATTON-BROWN - On 19th August 1994, peacefully, Commander Charles Reginald Stratton-Brown R.N., father of Michael, Colin and Keith. For funeral arrangements contact H.J.Johnston & Son, Tel (0892) 870372

THIRD - Audrey Christine of Sevenoaks, aged 70. Funeral St. Mary's Church, Riverhead, Tuesday 30th August at 2.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations for The Childrens Society maybe sent to Doves Funerals, 112 St. Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PB.

TOLLEMACHE - Phyllis Agnes Barham (née Nunneley) on 17th August 1994 in Auckland New Zealand, aged 86. Loving sister of Joan Kindersley. Beloved aunt of Patricia and great-aunt of Ally and Sophie. Dearly loved by Hugh and Nadia Tollemache and her grandchildren, and great grandchildren and relations in New Zealand.

WALDOCK - On August 20th, at Walton Hospital, Arthur Michael, dearly loved husband of Marion, and father of Adrian and Judy, financial journalist, teacher and bridge player. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Walton on Thames, Thursday 25th August 2.45pm. Flowers to 9, River Mount, Walton on Thames, Surrey.

WILLEY - Albert Frederick Daniel, peacefully passed away on the 18th August 1994. Service at Beckenham Crematorium, Friday 2nd September at 11am. Floral tributes to Francis Chappell, 332 Crofton Road, Farnborough, Kent, or donations to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PATTERSON - The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of James B. Eric (Pat) Patterson will take place on Friday 23rd September at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn, Cambs at 2.00pm. Donations, if desired, to Addenbrookes Kidney Patients Assoc., c/o B.F. Pendry, 7 Angle End, Gt Wilbraham, Cambs CB1 5JG

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OBITUARIES

ERNST von BRESSENSDORF

Ernst von Bressensdorf, who helped to save Paris from destruction at the hands of the Nazis in August 1944, died at his home in Starnberg, Bavaria, on August 19 aged 76. He was born in Leipzig on October 26, 1917.

PASSIONATE francophile as he was, Oberleutnant Ernst von Bressensdorf was appalled when on a day in August 1944 he received the following baneful telegram from Hitler at the German HQ in Paris: "Paris darf nur als Trümmerfeld in die Hand des Feindes fallen!" (Paris must only fall into the hands of the enemy as a field of rubble!)

As von Bressensdorf well knew, explosives experts from Berlin had already been working feverishly to put in place charges which when detonated would destroy 45 historic bridges, the Eiffel Tower, the Elysée Palace and numerous industrial undertakings. Besides wrecking these buildings the explosions were also designed to create a firestorm which would engulf all the houses in the historic heart of Paris, while causing the maximum loss of life, as anyone on the streets at the time would be sucked into the inferno. As he held his Führer's telegram in his hands von Bressensdorf knew full well that the execution of such an order would deny to posterity the chance to experience one of the historic gems of Europe.

As duty signals officer at the Paris HQ and as a loyal German, it was his bounden duty to pass on Hitler's orders to his superiors. As a man of profound culture who had French blood in his veins and had come to love the city his country's troops were occupying as much as his native Leipzig, he was stunned by the scale of vandalism that compliance with such instructions would have unleashed. Knowing in his heart that, with the Allies almost at the city's gates, the war was lost, he pondered the enormity of the crime against civilisation he was being asked to commit.

Clearly, refusal to forward the telegram to his superior, General Dietrich von Choltitz, would have led to his speedy arrest and an equally swift execution of the Führer's order. But he was able to pour a little sand in Hitler's destruction machine by withholding the telegram for 12 hours. It was the evening of August 22, 1944. It was not until late morning of the following day that, with a heavy heart, von Bressensdorf released Hitler's telegram to von Choltitz, hoping at least that the intervening 12 hours would have brought the Allies decisively nearer the city.

Ernst von Bressensdorf, left, and a comrade in Paris in 1944

Von Choltitz had only been in charge in Paris for two weeks. He was not well known by his young staff, but it was well attested of his character as a soldier that he was a stern disciplinarian in the Prussian tradition, and was noted for obeying orders without question.

It was Paris's great good fortune therefore (as well as that of von Bressensdorf who should surely have been shot for what he had done) that the spirit of resistance to Hitler which had been all but crushed by the failure of the July 1944 plot, still flickered in the breast of von Choltitz. The Allies were two days away but in that time he did nothing to implement Hitler's commands. When the Allies entered the French capital on August 25 they found it intact.

Ernst von Bressensdorf was the son of a Leipzig-publisher. His interest in French culture was ignited by an aunt. For a confirmation present she gave him a book about one of his French forebears, the historian Paul de Rapin-Toyras. He became aware that he had Huguenot ancestry and applied himself to research into the genealogy of his family.

After passing his Abitur (school leaving certificate) in 1936 he visited France shortly before beginning his military service. He had wanted to read economics at university, but the opening of the Polish campaign on September 1, 1939, put paid to this aspiration. He was drafted into the German army and was later commissioned.

When posted to staff HQ in Paris as a young Oberleutnant in January 1944 he was in his element. In his free time he immersed himself in the city's museums and art galleries and browsed in its libraries. His patent love of France and its people also gave him easy access to French families, and he made many friends. These cultural interests and personal contacts all made it unthinkable to him that Hitler's orders to destroy the city should be translated into reality. It was with something approaching heartfelt relief that on August 25, 1944, von Bressensdorf and other young staff officers passed into captivity.

After the war von Bressensdorf did *not go back* to *Leipzig, which then* lay in the Soviet zone of occupation. His family settled on the shores of the Starnbergersee, a few miles south of Munich. In Starnberg he founded a publishing house and began a more thorough research into the descendants of Paul de Rapin-Toyras.

This turned into the work of Franco-German reconciliation which was, in the postwar years, to be the main task of his life. Von Bressensdorf was able to establish links between more than a thousand families descended from the Huguenots in France and Germany. By bringing the members of many of these together through large congresses in both countries, which he addressed as chairman, he made both French and Germans aware that they had blood relatives in each others' countries. The knowledge of these blood ties made a significant contribution towards dispelling the fierce hatreds which had been stirred up between the two nations by the atrocities of the war.

In the 1960s, too, as French war historians researched the events of August 1944, it became clear that this erstwhile unsung German army lieutenant had played a courageous role in the delivery of Paris from destruction. For this, and for his work of reconciliation, von Bressensdorf was held in high esteem in France and at the time of his death it was the intention of the French government to bestow a high civil order upon him. His own dearest wish was to survive until tomorrow, the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Paris, for the celebrations to which he had been invited. In the event, the cancer from which he had suffered for some years, ended his life just under a week before that date.

Ernst von Bressensdorf is survived by his wife Ricarda, two daughters and a son.

MARION STANCIOFF

***Marion Stancioff*, diplomat's wife and scholar, died near Avignon, France, on July 30 aged 90. She was born in São Paulo, Brazil, on August 8, 1903.**

IT IS rare to find a diplomat's wife with a huge international galaxy of friends who was at the same time a serious student of aesthetics.

The *magnum opus* on graphic symbolism that Marion Stancioff planned to produce was never written. Until extreme old age curtailed her activities, she was busy collecting more and more relevant material and never felt ready to *summarise it all.* But her work need not be wasted. Her vast pile of notes and comments are now deposited at the Courtauld Institute, in the hope that some future scholar can make use of them.

Caroline Marion Mitchell was born in São Paulo, Brazil, while her father, an American businessman, was temporarily working there. She spent her childhood in the United States but after the end of the First World War her mother settled with her in London. At that time her main interest was in wood-engraving. While still in her teens she was a founder member of the British Society of Wood Engravers and specimens of her work can be found in the Victoria & Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Art Museum of Manchester University.

But in 1924, at a charity ball in the Hyde Park Hotel in aid of Russian refugees, she met Ivan Stancioff, the young diplomat son of the Bulgarian Minister to London. It was a case on both sides of love at first sight; in spite of her mother's anxious doubts, they were soon married and Marion set out to spend the next few years as a junior diplomat's wife in a small Balkan capital. But it was far from being a quiet life.

The Stancioffs were a remarkable family. Her husband's father, Dimitri, had been King Ferdinand's most trusted but by no means subservient adviser and was by now Bulgaria's most respected elder statesman. Ivan's mother was by birth a Savoyard countess who had come as a girl to Bulgaria as a lady-in-waiting to King Ferdinand's formidable mother, a daughter of Louis Philippe. They had friends all over Europe. Ivan's eldest sister, Nadejda, was Bulgaria's first woman diplomat, having been an official secretary at her father's legation in London and had then married a Scottish baronet with a large baronial house in Perthshire.

As a result, the young couple continually entertained foreigners who visited Sofia. They spent much of the summer months in a cottage, attached to the older Stancioffs' house, in a lovely garden on the shores of the Black Sea, near Varna, a house that was always full of guests, and to which King Boris would frequently walk over from his nearby palace of Evxinograd. Or there might be visits to Nadejda in Scotland, to a house similarly full of cosmopolitan friends.

In the meantime Marion managed to produce in rapid succession seven lively children. Wood-engraving had to be abandoned. But she now began to interest herself in the vast field of graphic symbols.

This full life, interrupted by two happy years at the Bulgarian Legation in Rome, lasted until the Second World War. As the Bulgarian government moved more and more towards the German camp, life was not easy for an American wife in Sofia. Her husband deplored the British Government's policy towards Bulgaria; but he and Marion remained steadfastly loyal to their British friends. In 1943 Ivan was appointed Consul-General in Galatz, in Romania, to keep him out of mischief; and Marion decided to leave Bulgaria. With her seven children she managed to journey across Europe to a safe refuge in Switzerland. Ivan joined her after escaping to Turkey before the Russians took complete control of Bulgaria. After the war they and their children moved to America.

They settled in a large rambling house at Urbana, Maryland, not far from Washington. There the children grew up and, as in Bulgaria, friends from all over the world were hospitably, if rather chaotically, entertained; meanwhile Marion was able to work on her study of graphic symbols.

After her husband's death in 1972, she began to spend more time in London, finding it more convenient for her studies, and eventually made it her headquarters. Her family was scattered round the world, one daughter in France, one in Mexico, three sons in America and one in Europe, who, to her delight, was appointed, after the collapse of communism in Bulgaria, to be Bulgarian Ambassador in London.

Eventually old age and increasing frailty obliged her to give up her studies. But her notes await the attention of future scholars at the Courtauld Institute.

Marion Stancioff was an extraordinarily beautiful woman, tall and graceful; and even in extreme old age her face retained a youthful freshness.

She is survived by all seven of her children.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LORD DOUGLAS GORDON

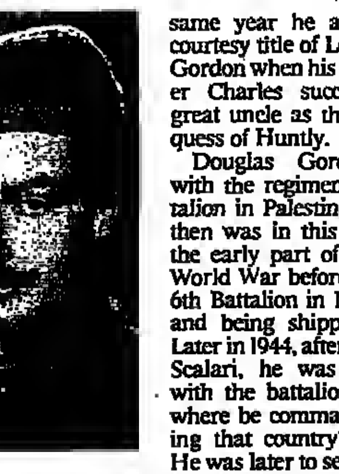
Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Douglas Gordon, DSO, former soldier, innkeeper and antiques dealer, died on August 8 aged 78. He was born on July 30, 1916.

DOUGLAS GORDON won his DSO *50 years ago on the* slopes of Monte Scalari in one of the fiercest battles in Italy during the Second World War. Then a major in the 6th Battalion of the Black Watch, he led two companies in a heroic assault on the mountain — a key objective in the Allied advance on Florence.

The Highlanders took the southwest face after heavy fighting on the night of July 28, 1944, and reached the summit on the following day. There, however, they ran into a much larger German force than had been expected. It was not only enemy shells which rained down on the British infantry. Three tanks called up by Gordon in support landed some of their rounds on the hard-pressed forward positions of the Black Watch.

For three days the battle raged as the British troops *grimly clung on, short of food,* supplies of fresh water and ammunition. On July 30, Douglas Gordon's 28th birthday, they withstood as many as five counter-attacks before the Germans finally withdrew and the Black Watch consolidated the position. Gordon was immediately awarded his DSO. He had acted, said the citation, with the utmost of coolness and had been a source of inspiration to those under him.

Douglas Claude Alexander Gordon was born in Surrey, the youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. D. Gordon,



Welsh Guards. The young Gordon, who served as a page of honour to King George V between 1930 and 1933, went to Eton then on to Sandhurst, being commissioned into the Black Watch in 1937. In the same year he assumed the courtesy title of Lord Douglas Gordon when his eldest brother Charles succeeded their great uncle as the 12th Marquess of Huntly.

Douglas Gordon served with the regiment's 2nd Battalion in Palestine until 1940, then was in this country for the early part of the Second World War before joining the 6th Battalion in North Africa and being shipped to Italy. Later in 1944, after the battle of Scalari, he was transferred with the battalion to Greece where he commanded it during that country's civil war. He was later to serve in Egypt and as an instructor at Sandhurst before retiring in 1951.

He then moved to Scotland where he and his family bought a manor house at Logie, Angus, and started a successful market garden. A devoted gardener throughout his life, he not only sold daffodils and tulips to Covent Garden but, together with his wife, created a magnificent private garden with flowing beds of primulas which they subsequently opened to the public.

He left Scotland on the break-up of his marriage and in 1962 went to live with his second wife in Cornwall where he bought an inn, the Rising Sun near Mevagissey, and also started dealing in antiques — his other chief lifelong interest. After seven exhausting years they sold up and bought an antique shop in Truro instead, moving from there to Stockbridge, Hampshire, 20 years ago.

Despite his expertise, however, he looked and was always seen as a natural soldier. Tall and good looking with a military bearing, he was forthright and could be *quick-tempered — but* was equally quick to cool down.

While in Scotland he fiercely supported the Conservative cause at public meetings. For a time he was also a member of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (the Royal Company of Archers).

In his younger days he was a scratch golfer who played for the Army. He was also an accomplished shot and a skilled fly fisherman. Together with his first wife Suzanne, he once established a record for the South Esk by catching 53 salmon in one day.

Lord Douglas Gordon is survived by his second wife Bridget, two sons and a daughter by his first marriage and a daughter by his second.

CONRAD ASCHER

Conrad Ascher, barrister, died of cancer in London on August 19 aged 64. He was born in Hamburg on February 28, 1930.

CONRAD ASCHER took over the secretaryship of the influential Society of Labour Lawyers at the time of Harold Wilson's first administration and became its longest-serving secretary, not retiring until 1991. The society was closely involved during his time with a mass of reforming legislation, not least in the fields of employment, housing and racial discrimination. He stood for Norwich South in the 1970 general election but narrowly failed to hold the seat.

Ascher lived in Germany until he was eight but in 1938 his family came to England to escape persecution. He resided for nearly all the rest of his life in Harpenden. He was one of that amorphous but highly significant wave of refugees which was to leave its mark on British life.

As a boy, he quickly learnt English and assimilated into a new way of life with no difficulty. He was educated at University College School, Hampstead, shining in the classroom and winning prizes. Later, at University College London, he won the coveted Robert Cecil Peace Prize for a dissertation on the United Nations.

After National Service in the RAF, where he learnt Russian, he went on to study law and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, practising for the rest of his life from 4 King's Bench Walk. His practice was mainly in criminal law and he loved the life.

He became the head of his chambers while eschewing, except for fun, that pomposity so often associated with the Bar. He was an unregenerate wag with an endless and endearing capacity for telling and retelling truly awful stories. This concealed a deeply serious mind devoted passionately to human rights. He had promised himself in retirement to read the lovingly chosen collection of antiquarian books he had built up over the years but his final illness sadly prevented that.

Not often involved in headline cases, he nonetheless, in 1978, won, single-handed and unaided by silk, a remarkable victory in the House of Lords when, in *Hoskyn v Metropolitan Police Commissioner*, the law lords overturned a 1931 Court of Appeal authority to the effect that a wife was a compellable witness for the Crown where her husband was charged with inflicting personal injury on her. His client was finally acquitted; he was complimented by Lord Edmund-Davies on his "admirable researches" (he cited precedents and treatises from three centuries of legal history); and it was not his fault that the decision was reversed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

A member since boyhood of the Scout movement, he eventually became an assistant commissioner (international) for Hertfordshire. As such, he made his knowledge and expertise available to countless young people embarking on journeys abroad.

He never married. He is survived by his sister.

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THE DROUGHT IN CANADA

MIGRATION SCHEME FOR SETTLERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

OTTAWA, AUG. 24

The agreement with the railways for the transport of settlers and livestock at reduced rates from the drought-stricken areas [briefly reported in *The Times* yesterday] holds a promise of real relief to farmers in Southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and to a lesser extent in Alberta, who for the fourth year in succession have lost crops through drought, and who are in great danger of losing their livestock.

The railways have agreed to transport cattle from the drought-stricken areas at half the *regular rate,* to carry *fodder into the areas* suffering from famine at two-thirds normal rate, and to transport settlers and their effects from the areas of drought, also at two-thirds the normal rate. The cost in each instance is to be shared equally by the Dominion and the Provinces. Details are to be worked out by the Provincial Governments, the Federal Government simply contributing half the cost. The Federal Government are appropriating $12,000,000 (about £2,400,000) to provide food, fuel, fodder, seed, and freight charges on account of farmers in Southern Saskatchewan.

Two purposes will be served—provision of immediate relief and the rehabilitation of the lands principally affected by the lack of moisture. *The dry territory extends south of a line joining* Brandon, Manitoba, and Medicine Hat (Alberta), and covers the greater part of Southern Saskatchewan. It is estimated that 50,000 families in Saskatchewan alone have suffered failure of the crop in whole or part this year, while many thousands have experienced four consecutive crop failures. So great is the problem of relief that the removal of all livestock now suffering from semi-starvation is considered impracticable. Hence the provision for the movement of fodder.

No accurate estimate of the number of families migrating northward is available. It is thought that many will be reluctant to abandon their farms and homes to make a fresh start as pioneers in the northern section of the prairies. Moreover, it will be impossible to start for some time a trek of such magnitude for the reason that homes and barns are not available at present. It is expected that only 400 or 500 families will migrate northward this year. The most hopeful aspect of the relief project is the intimation that a real effort is to be made to restore the productivity of the drought-stricken areas. No definite plan has been worked out, but, as many thousands of families prefer to remain where they are, some means must be found of ensuring fertility, and this seems to imply irrigation works on an extensive scale.

Inasmuch as similar conditions prevail in the United States immediately south of Saskatchewan, it is suggested that steps might be undertaken by the International Joint Waterways Commission to create storage dams or otherwise to conserve water and prevent drift of soil. A conference has already been held between agricultural experts of Dakota, Montana, and the three Canadian prairie Provinces, and a formal conference of Government delegates is to be held this autumn. The conference at Ottawa, which reached an agreement on the immediate measures outlined above, was attended by Mr. Bennett, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Federal Cabinet, and by the Premier of Manitoba, the Premier of Saskatchewan, and Mr. G. Hoadley, a member of the Alberta Cabinet.

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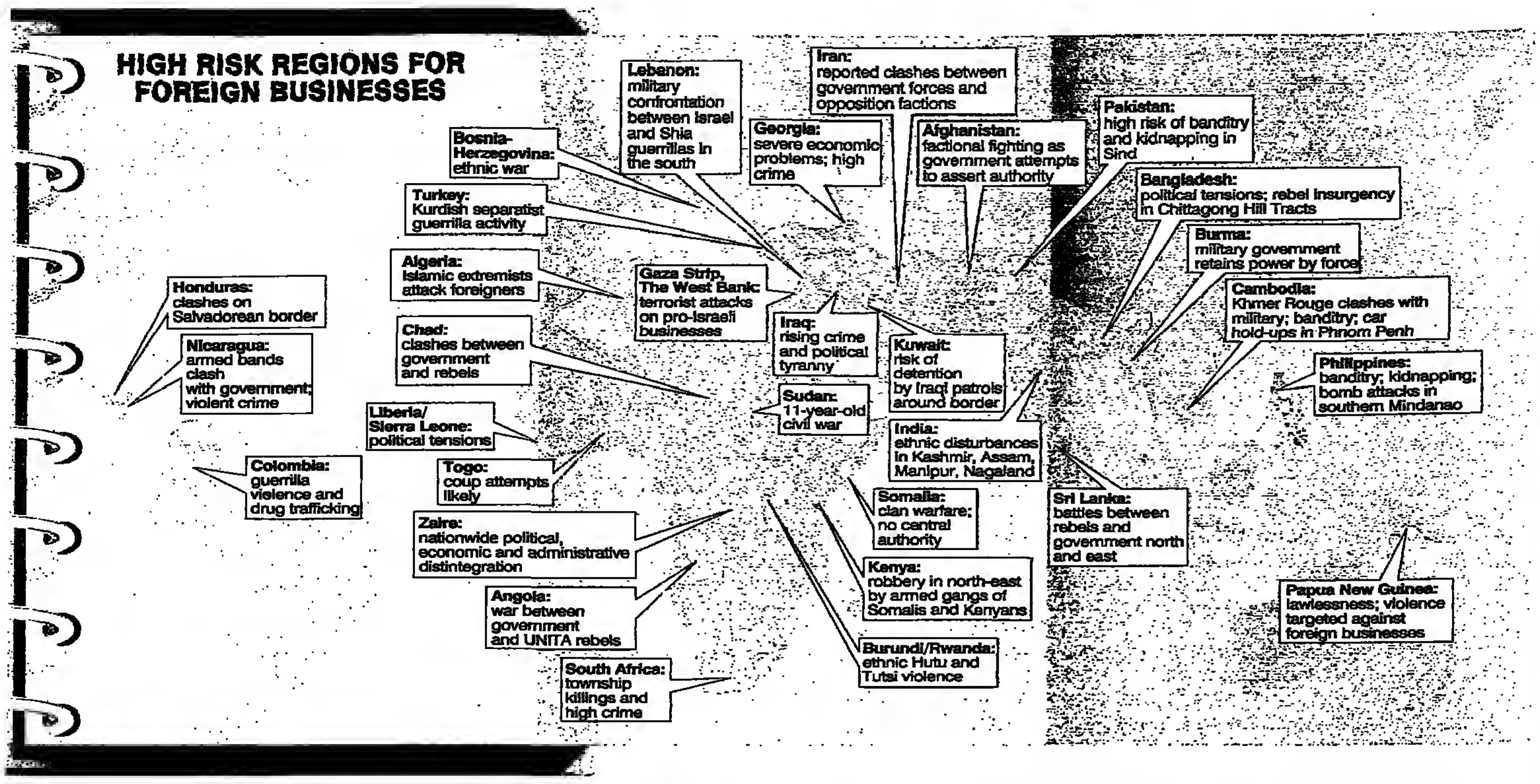
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Sri Lanka: battles between rebels and government north and east
Papua New Guinea: lawlessness; violence targeted against foreign businesses

A dangerous world for business

By Marianne Curphey

ALGERIA is the most dangerous place in the world in which to do business, while Syria, Botswana, Malaysia, Singapore and Switzerland are among the safest, according to a survey of international security risks.

The North African country, where Islamic extremists are pursuing a campaign of sabotage against foreign businesses, particularly oil and gas installations, is rated as "high risk".

The Control Risks Group (CRG) is a consultancy which advises businesses on how to assess and manage security in volatile countries and markets. It considers a country to be high risk if conditions verge on war or civil war, if law and order are in imminent danger of breaking down, or if there is a sustained campaign specifically directed against the personnel and property of foreign businesses.

The United Kingdom, where bombs have exploded in the City, is rated as medium risk — on a level with Bangladesh, North Korea and the Philippines — where the government's authority is either challenged by internal unrest or terrorist violence. France, Germany, Poland and Hungary are considered low risk.

In Algeria, about 10,000 people have died in political violence, and in the past ten months 53 foreigners have been killed, 14 of them during a four-day period at the beginning of July.

Christopher Grose, managing director of CRG, said: "The outlook is bleak because foreigners are being specifically targeted. A lot of the oil companies working in the south have had to build security measures into their budgets."

He said another country rated as high risk is Angola. There, Unita rebels refuse to recognise the legitimacy of the government. Outside Luanda and the Cabinda enclave, doing business is rated as "hazardous".

Mr Grose, whose company provides security advice for large finance companies and oil, gas and mining firms, said: "Companies are increasingly taking steps to ascertain the risks in going into emerging markets. Our advice is not whether they should go there, but how they can minimise the risk to staff if they need to work there."

Cambodia is classed as high risk because of Khmer Rouge clashes with the military and banditry in rural areas. Phnom Penh, where rising crime and car hold-ups are a problem, is classed as medium risk.

In addition, Mr Grose says that foreign executives working in Russia are increasingly facing high crime levels, especially in Moscow and St Petersburg.

CRG rates the whole country as medium risk because of the continued political instability, growing organised criminal violence and extortion, kidnapping and counterfeiting. In the first five months of this year, 65 foreigners were killed.

Mr Grose said: "Companies moving into Russia will probably encounter an extortion attempt, sometimes very serious, sometimes not, because they are seen as wealthy.

"An American businessman, Mark Aulov, was abducted in March and his body found four months later after he was believed to have fallen foul of the local Mafia."

Other countries, once notorious for political violence, are becoming easier to work in. In Peru there were 207 attacks between January and May this year compared with 692 for the same period last year.

"The decline in the strength of the ultra-leftist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) has followed the arrest of Abimael Guzman, its leader and founder, in September 1992," Mr Grose said. "Thousands of companies operate in Russia and Peru as well as in Algeria. We never say business is impossible, provided companies are adaptable and put security into their overall budget."

TRAVELOGS

A short cut at Heathrow

IN AN effort to find ways of allowing more domestic services into Heathrow, Brymon Airways is talking to the Civil Aviation Authority about using a short-cross runway at the airport.

The plan is to land up to four or five flights an hour of short-haul, short take-off and landing aircraft. The cross runway is reserved for use on the rare days when there is a strong crosswind preventing bigger jets landing on the main runways.

"We had looked at the idea before and although it seemed to be viable, it proved too difficult. Now we believe the climate has changed and there is a clear need for get more regional services from Heathrow," Mike Jones, the managing director, said.

Further flights

AIR Canada has added five extra flights a week between London and Toronto for its winter schedule, which begins on October 30. In addition, the airline will operate four flights a week from Heathrow to Delhi and two flights a week from Heathrow to Nice. The new daylight flight from Ottawa and Toronto to Heathrow, which will operate six times a week, is aimed primarily at business travellers who can arrive at 8.50pm in London.

Green tourism

A *Green Globe* campaign to encourage hoteliers and tourism companies to reduce and recycle waste, control noise levels, reduce air emissions and pollutants and respect and support historic sites, has been launched by the World Travel & Tourism Council. The programme was suggested by Dr Maurice Strong, the former secretary-general of the Rio Earth Summit, to encourage responsible tourism.

Cutting costs

MORE THAN 10 million British adults are single and many are charged single supplements for hotel rooms. Companions Worldwide (0628 826993), which caters exclusively for single travellers, offers safaris, yachting, ballooning, health weekends and sailing both in the UK and overseas and does not charge supplements.

Arnhem bound

GALINA International Battlefield Tours (0482 804409) has vacancies on two coaches to The Netherlands for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem between September 15 and 19. The cost, including half-board accommodation in four-star hotels, is £299.

Eating the part

ALL waiters at Bulloch's restaurant in the newly refurbished Athenaeum Hotel and Apartments in London's Piccadilly are "resting" actors.

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Sally Bulloch, the hotel's executive manager, a former actress after whom the restaurant is named, advertised for staff in *The Stage*. "The Athenaeum is very popular with film celebrities and one waitress has already been picked for an audition by a director who was dining there," she said.

Fly on demand

COMPANIES throughout Europe which fly executives on business aircraft can halve their costs through a "fly on demand" financing system, according to a new British company set up to boost the corporate aircraft industry. JetCo (0582-482800) a subsidiary of Air London, will offer shares in a range of new corporate aircraft depending on the amount of flying the company carries out.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

British tourists flock to Japan

By Willy Newlands

A SUDDEN, but puzzling, surge in Britons visiting Japan has boosted numbers for the first quarter of this year by 33 per cent.

The trend is expected to increase with the opening in ten days of one of the world's most modern airports, Kansai International in Osaka Bay.

Patrick Wilson, of the Japan National Tourist Organisation in London, said: "Our researchers don't know why it happened, but we expect tourism to go on increasing, particularly if the Yen comes down in value in the next few months as expected."

His theory is that pent-up demand by British families to visit relatives in Japan and increasing prosperity has encouraged them to make the trip. Others believe the spurs may be the interest inspired by working for Japanese companies, or even the spread of Eastern fashions in hobbies such as gardening and fish-keeping.

The British visitor has traditionally taken an escorted tour, but many of the 12,721 people who went to Japan in the first three months of this year have shown signs of breaking away from the basic Tokyo-Kyoto trip to see some of the 75 per cent of Japan which is covered in forested mountains.

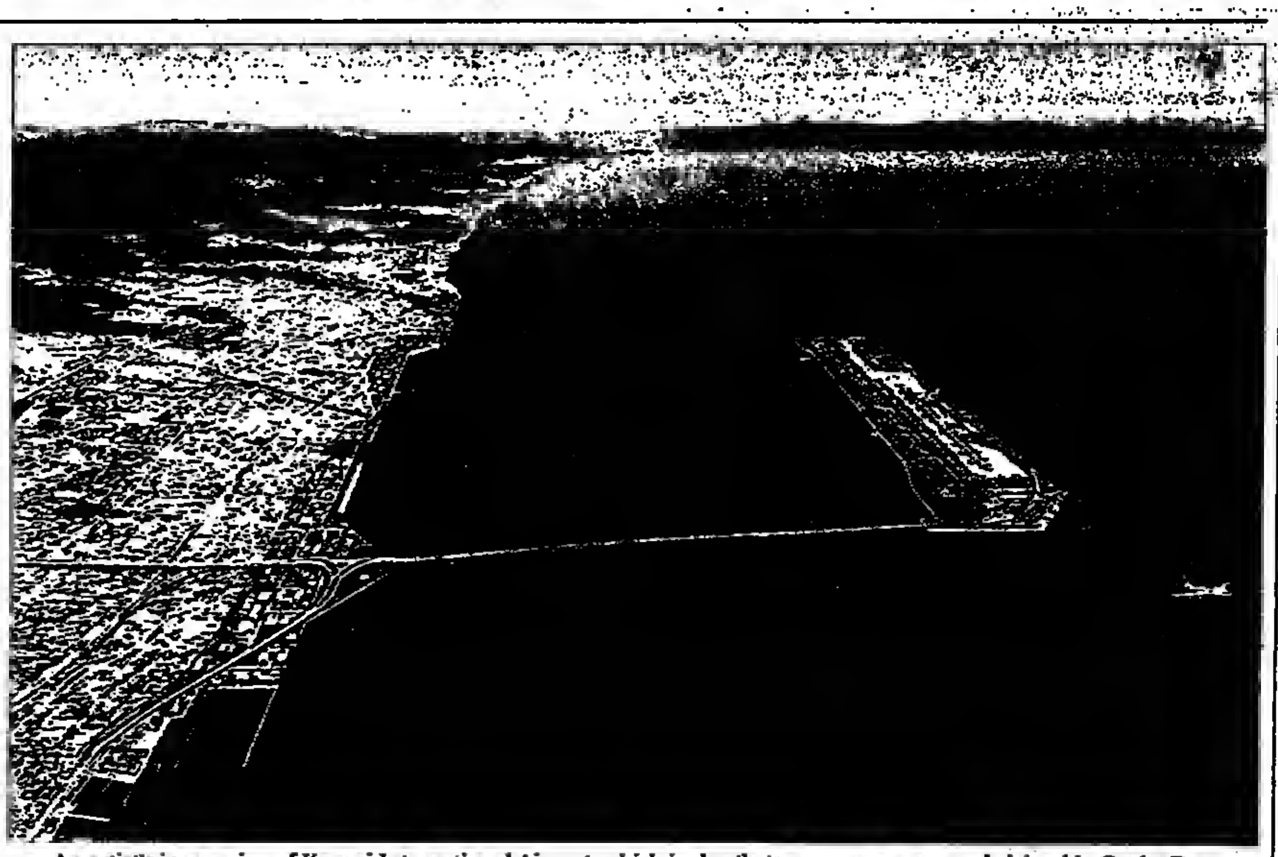
Sandra Wild, of the tour operator Japanese Experience, said: "One of our tours goes into the Japanese Alps and we are trying to encourage visits to rural Japan, although clients are concerned about the language problem.

"We find that many travellers work for Japanese companies. The basic cost of a tour is about £1,500 to £2,000 and most of our clients are elderly. Many travel as singles, despite the horrendous supplement they pay in hotels."

With an executive-class round trip to Tokyo costing £3,274 (and a lowest pre-booked fare of £993), Japan Airlines says that 90 per cent of its passengers are on business. Martin Sillwood, of the airline's London office, said: "Our passenger figures for April to June confirm the 33 per cent growth rate, reflecting our marketing of the London-Tokyo-Australia route, with a stopover on the return."

The Japanese authorities put little emphasis on tourism, but the opening of the Kansai airport, built on a man-made island to cope with an initial demand estimated at more than 30 million passengers a year, will draw visitors to the Kyoto-Nara-Osaka region. JAL will have four flights a week direct to Kansai and British Airways will have two.

The airport's main problem will be price, with a cup of coffee likely to cost about £13. Mr Wilson advises visitors to travel outside the airport to find cheaper and better refreshments. "Tourists in remote areas have all been surprised by how green and pleasant the country is. It is also very safe. You can leave your wallet in a bar and it will be brought to you the next day," he said.



An artist's impression of Kansai International Airport, which is shortly to open on a man-made island in Osaka Bay

Blighty train runs again

By John Young

SECOND World War veterans will have the chance next summer to relive what are likely to be among their happier memories: their repatriation to "Blighty" after hostilities ended.

On VE Day, May 8, 1945, some two million British servicemen were scattered across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. After the Battle of Normandy nearly a year earlier, when the Allied victory could be safely predicted, plans had been made to bring all of them home on leave or for demobilisation before Christmas 1945.

A task group, staffed mainly by the Royal Engineers, was set up to establish Mediterranean Lines of Communication (Medloc). It quickly became clear that moving such huge numbers by road or air was impracticable, and three special rail routes were opened: from Toulon, in the south of France to Dieppe; from Milan to Calais; and from Villach, in southern Austria, to Calais, with transit camps and meal posts along each route.

Not everything went smoothly — thousands of servicemen were left stranded for months — but eventually the boys were brought home. To commemorate the operation there are plans for a steam train to depart from Toulon on May 31 next year, arriving in Dieppe on June 4. It will be made up of 18 carriages dating from the 1930s and will be hauled on different sections of the journey by one British, one French and two American locomotives. Among the attractions will be a "meal halt" south of Paris, at which passengers will be served a mug of army tea and a jam tart.

Realism will, not however, be taken too far. There will be a Pullman car and a modern SNCF grill bar on the train, overnight stays will be in comfortable hotels, and time will be set aside for sightseeing. The journey will end with a reception in Newhaven and another steam train to London.

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Takeoff for station

By Harvey Elliott

PLANS to turn Gatwick railway station into one of Europe's most important, vibrant and commercially successful transport "hubs" are being studied by Railtrack, British Rail and BAA, the airport's owners.

The gloomy, windswept and uninviting terminus is the first and lasting impression of Britain for millions of foreign visitors. It is now seen as an extension of BAA's overall airport development, with as many facilities and attractions on the platforms as there are in the airport itself.

Discussions with Railtrack — the station's present owners — are under way. The intention is to form a subsidiary company of Gatwick Airport Ltd to run the station itself. The priority would be to spend £3 million to improve the lighting, to cut out the cold blasts of air along the platforms, to improve lifts and escalators to the terminals, to find a way of letting luggage trolleys on to the platforms and to introduce comfortable coffee shops on each platform.

At least 25 per cent of Gatwick's passengers arrive or depart by train and BAA has studied ways of enabling them to move quickly and easily between road, rail and air by creating a "mainport" rather than an airport.

With the opening of British Airways's £4-million Eurolounge for business-class passengers tomorrow, the need for an improvement to the station and a greater integration between air and rail travel is clearer than ever.

Strike boom for hotels fades . . .

By David Churchill

THE IMPACT of the rail strikes, which have provided London hotels with one of their best summers as businessmen stay the night in the capital rather than struggle home on congested roads, is beginning to wear off.

"The strikes are losing impetus and we are now finding that people are either working from home or car-pooling," said Aideen Murphy, sales director of the 125-room Comfort Inn in Kensington. She fears that hotels could soon be harmed by the strike as companies cancel planned conferences and meetings traditionally held in the capital in the autumn.

At the Holiday Inn Garden Court hotel at Oxford Circus, Riz Abdulla, the sales manager, said: "The hotel filled very quickly in the early weeks of the strike but we've noticed this tailing off."

London hoteliers are nonetheless thankful for the boost to business that the strike has created so far. Many hotels have been three-quarters full in August and in some cases booked out during a month when normally they struggle to reach 50 per cent occupancy.

London's biggest hotel group, Mount Charlotte Thistle, with 24 hotels in the capital, reports high levels of occupancies this summer. According to Robin Peel, the chief executive: "It is the best performance of the 1990s for the time of year."

At the top end of the market, the impact of the strike appears to have been more muted. The Savoy Group, which includes Claridge's and the Berkeley Hotel, where rooms cost about £200 a night, says that "there has been enough extra business to notice, but not a great deal".

The London Marriott in Grosvenor Square, however, says that it has been filling at least an extra 30 to 40 of its 206 rooms on strike days. Smaller properties, such as the "town house" hotels Franklin and Egerton House in Knightsbridge, also report strong demand on strike days. Rates in these hotels are typically 15 to 20 per cent lower than those of the large chains.

. . . as the airlines respond

By Harvey Elliott

IN THE most direct challenge yet to British Rail, British Midland is to introduce a "Diamond Pass" air season ticket which, from the beginning of next month, will offer savings of up to 38 per cent on five business journeys to or from Heathrow. The ticket will be valid for three months and will cost a flat rate of £699.

"This is the first time an airline season ticket has been available on domestic British services," said Alex Grant, BMA's sales and marketing director. "It means that smaller businesses which did not think they could afford to travel by air can now do so."

The pass can be used in any combination from Heathrow to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Teesside and Leeds/Bradford or on the return. The cost of the ticket is less than the equivalent number of return first-class tickets on British Rail. It offers savings of up to £221, or 29 per cent, on flights to Edinburgh and Glasgow, compared with five return first-class rail trips.

The initiative could be the big breakthrough domestic airlines have been seeking and, for the first time, enable them to make healthy profits on internal flights. The rail dispute has resulted in an increase of about 10 per cent in airline bookings on each strike day.

Brymon Airways, a wholly-owned subsidiary of British Airways, which operates a series of domestic services from Plymouth, Bristol, Heathrow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, said that the number of bookings in July was up 63 per cent on the same month last year.

"The strikes have clearly helped us because they have taken place on days when we would normally be comparatively quiet," Mike Jones, the managing director, said. "Now that people have found out that we are not all that much more expensive than even the cheapest rail fares they are coming back to us — and staying with us."

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Night school saves pilots' lives

By Harvey Elliott

A VOLUNTARY night school for private pilots, which has saved the lives of dozens of British flyers, has proved so successful that it is to be copied by safety organisations throughout Europe.

The free classes were introduced by the Civil Aviation Authority in 1986, and have since been attended by at least 25,000 of Britain's 40,000 private pilots. During that time the number of accidents involving light aircraft has steadily fallen from 21 in 1985 to 14 last year, and it has been calculated that those who attended have been 25 times less likely to be involved in an accident as those who have not bothered.

Britain's safety record is already among the best in the world with only eight fatal accidents to fixed-wing light aircraft, including microlights, reported so far this year and 14 in the whole of 1993. This compares with 67 fatal general aviation accidents in France last year and 385 in the United States.

David Learmount of *Flight International* magazine, which carried out a study of light aviation safety around the world, is concerned, however, that the bald statistics could hide a flawed logic.

"It could be that those who attend the courses are the type of people who are safety-minded anyway and, however inconvenient it might be, they care about safety and would therefore be less likely to have accidents," he said.

More than 40 night classes are held each year, each attracting up to 100 pilots. Each lasts around two and a half hours and concentrates on a particular problem such as fuel management, proper checks of the aircraft and how to get out of a stall.

A survey of light aircraft accidents in the United States showed that 37 per cent occurred on approach or landing, 20 per cent during take-off, 18 per cent in the cruise and 14 per cent while the aircraft was "being manoeuvred".

The number of accidents throughout the world is still low, considering that most general aircraft pilots are "amateurs", but many of the problems could, it is thought, be ironed out through education.

Safety bodies in the United States, Canada and Australia already carry out similar schemes, but other European countries — which, apart from Britain, have a far worse safety record per flying hour than other developed parts of the world — has not so far introduced such schemes.

At a recent conference in Toulouse, however, safety representatives from France, Germany, Italy and other European countries asked for further details of the CAA courses.

Singles seek adventure

■ Activity holidays are a boom area, especially with single women who hope to acquire more than a new skill

By Marianne Curphey

SINGLE women of all ages are flocking to book activity breaks, lured by the security of being in a group and the possibility of a holiday romance.

More than a quarter — 27 per cent — of all packages at adventure centres are bought by women, compared with 17 per cent by men, 23 per cent by families, and 13 per cent by parents for their unaccompanied children. The remaining 20 per cent are booked by groups of varying sizes.

According to Sussex-based Activity Holidays the women fall into two groups — those under 35, who tend to book "adrenaline" sports like paragliding or hang-gliding lessons, and those between 45 and 60 who prefer walking and painting holidays.

Paul Johnson, director of the company which offers holidays at 4,000 centres around the UK through the Going Places travel agent chain, said: "We have been surprised by the high number of women who like group holidays. They are buying them because they do not like walking alone or they want to learn a new sport under the supervision of a qualified instructor.

"They also find it is a good way to make new friends — on one adventure course in Cornwall almost everyone in the group had paired off."

Charles Cordle, managing director of Acorn Activities, one of the country's leading activity holiday companies, said on some courses 80 per cent of participants were single women. "I would not want our holidays to be seen as dating agencies but I suspect there is often a hidden agenda."

Hundreds of thousands of people have joined sports and activity clubs in the last ten years. The Economist Intelligence Unit says between 1980 and 1990 the membership of walking organisations doubled to nearly 86,500, and that of mountaineering clubs grew from just over 3,000 to 6,500.

The Welsh Tourist Board's brochure *Wales — Britain's Activity Country*, now in its third year, combines adventure courses, short breaks, accommodation and tuition in more than 100 centres.

The activities include abseiling, land yachting, orienteering, skiing, birdwatching, gorge walking and rafting. Walking is still, however, the most popular outdoor activity in Britain. Tom Lawton, author of two best-selling guides to walking in the Lake District, believes the appeal of activity holidays is their combination of "a physical test and the companionship of an evening pint round the fire in a friendly pub".

Learning to paraglide in Wales — "adrenaline" sports are popular with women under 35

Mr Johnson said that although some activity breaks are very good value — deals for children start from £38 full board for a weekend's sailing instruction — most people were not motivated by price.

"The average price of a booking is £350 and this shows people are prepared to pay to fulfil what might have been a lifetime's ambition."

Peter Bounds, of West Wales Windsurfing and Sailing, one of the centres recommended by the Wales Tourist Board, has seen demand for sailing and windsurfing instruction grow from around 200 bookings ten years ago to 800 last year and an estimated 1,000 this year.

"I have been surprised by the demand, not just for beginners' instruction but for tuition for those more experienced in watersports," he said. "Lying on a beach for two weeks building up a suntan seems to be losing its appeal."

Acorn Activities also reports a "phenomenal growth" in demand for arts and crafts breaks, especially among people over 40. Mr Cordle said: "They are learning skills they have always longed to master, such as pottery, calligraphy and oil painting."

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Scotland targets the English

By Gillian Bowditch

ALMOST 700 years after the Scots triumphantly routed the English at Bannockburn, the Scottish Tourist Board is calling on its southern neighbours to flock north of the border and save Scotland's largest industry from decline.

In the past eight years there has been an 18 per cent drop in Scottish tourism revenue despite the fact that world tourism is growing at around 4 per cent a year. Revenue has fallen from £2.5 billion in 1987 to around £2 billion last year, and the lack of British visitors to Scotland is particularly hurting the economy.

STB is hitting back with a £1.5 million television advertising campaign aimed at attracting affluent English consumers north of the border for long weekends. The commercial, launched this month, depicts a romantic view of Scotland with the slogan "Scotland, when will you go?"

Research carried out in England shows that most people consider Scotland as "nothing special, lacking in activities, dull, distant and wet". But according to Tim Hailey, director of UK marketing, the UK market is critical to the development of Scottish tourism with England accounting for 40 per cent of revenue. Scotland itself, the North of England and the affluent South East are the main target areas.

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NEWS

Lord Archer apologises to his wife

■ Lord Archer publicly apologised to his wife yesterday for embarrassing her over his part in the sale of shares in Anglia Television of which she is a director.

In a statement issued by Lord Mishcon, his lawyer, he said he had made a "grave error" in letting his name be linked with the sale. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said last month that no action would be taken against the peer after an inquiry into alleged insider dealing .... Page 1

Cubans continue exodus

■ Cubans continued to flee their homeland in record numbers, bringing the total picked up in 24 hours to well over 3,000. The Clinton Administration announced that the Guantánamo camp is to be expanded to hold 40,000 refugees by the end of next week and perhaps more later .... Page 1

Super A grade

Thousands of pupils will be awarded a new "super A grade" at GCSE that is expected to become the passport to a place at a top university. Already, however, the changes have been branded elitist and unnecessary ..... *Page 1*

Tax reforms unveiled

The Liberal Democrats officially unveiled their radical package of tax and benefit reforms that could affect those earning as little as £22,500 as well as the wealthy .... Page 2

Council police plan

Michael Howard is likely to reject any formal proposals from Wandsworth Council to set up a municipal police force to fight crime on the borough's housing estates .... Page 2

Doctor disowned

A doctor who plans to use a computer to help to determine which patients will be allowed to die was effectively disowned by his hospital .... Page 3

Qualification dispute

A dispute over the standard of "vocational A levels" has broken out as the qualification's first results were published .... Page 4

Firebombers hunted

Anti-terrorist officers are hunting for animal rights arsonists suspected of firebomb attacks that caused £2 million damage on the Isle of Wight .... Page 5

Things that go bump

Reports of ghostly apparitions cannot be dismissed as the rantings of the insane or the work of hoaxers, a senior clinical psychiatrist has said .... Page 6

Fighting drugs in jails

An intensive drug treatment scheme pioneered in a New York state prison is being looked at as a way of combating the drugs problem in the 130 jails in England and Wales .... Page 7

Uranium stolen

One of Russia's "secret cities" has admitted that its security was breached this week when two civilians attempted to smuggle out a large consignment of low-grade uranium .... Page 8

Peruvian squabble

Peruvians are riveted by a twist in the marital squabble between their First Lady, Susana Higuchi, and President Fujimori: a dramatic prelude to next year's election .... Page 9

Korean succession

A power struggle is under way in North Korea for the succession to the late President Kim Il-Sung, according to Russian sources .... Page 10

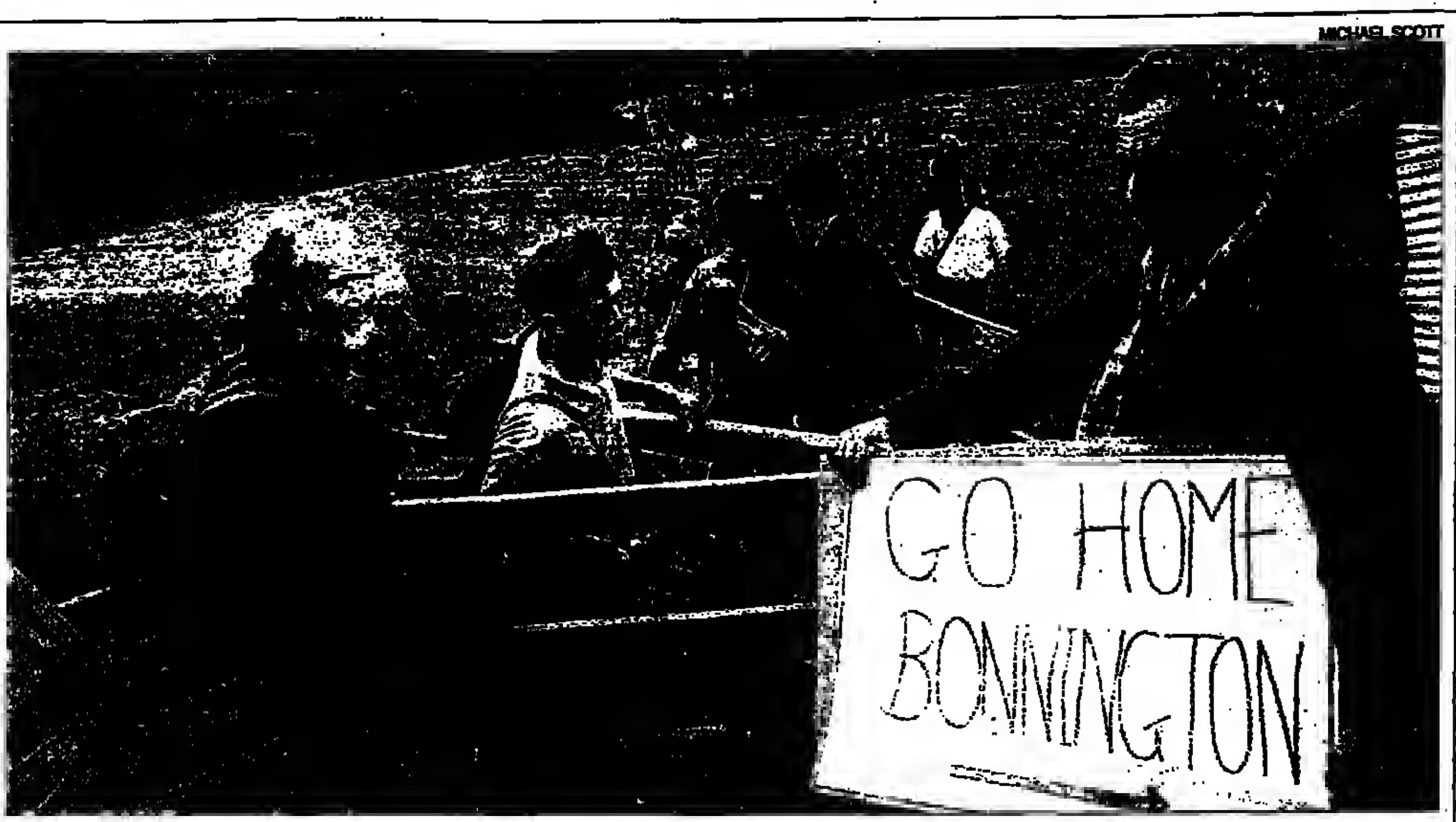
Relief workers' fear

Fearful of a resurgence in ethnic slaughter between Hutus and Tutsis relief workers have sent their families out of Burundi to safety in Kenya .... Page 11

Marital discord in TA brass band

■ Two musicians in a Territorial Army brass band have been suspended for allegedly having an affair during a summer tour, six months after four other members left the band over an extra-marital relationship. The woman and a married man, who have not been named, may be discharged if they are found guilty of conduct unbecoming band members .... Page 2

MICHAEL SCOTT



Chris Bonington, the mountaineer, left, leading a protest on Ministry of Defence land in Northumberland Report, page 5

BUSINESS

Barclays: Stung by a tidal wave of criticism over its charges and poor levels of customer service, Barclays Bank will today launch a complaints scheme .... Page 21

Drugs: Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group, is taking legal action against rival company SmithKline Beecham claiming patent infringements of Zovirax, a best-selling herpes treatment .... Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 30.1 points to close at 3205.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 78.6 to 78.9 after a rise from $1.5535 to $1.5568 and a rise from DM2.3888 to DM2.3993 .... Page 24

Football: Diego Maradona was banned by Fifa for 15 months after his positive drugs test at the World Cup finals. This probably means the end of his career in top-class football .... Page 40

Cricket: England meet South Africa at Edgbaston today in a one-day match for the first time since the farcical World Cup semi-final in Sydney in 1992 .... Page 36

Commonwealth Games: Denise Lewis, a young secretary from Wolverhampton, won the gold medal in the heptathlon but has no intention of trying to make a living from her sport .... Page 38

Role model: If the pressures of running a police force were not enough, Elizabeth Neville also suffers a scrutiny her male colleagues could never imagine .... Page 12

Fresh thought: Are rheumatologists asking the right questions about the value of their remedies? Dr James Le Fanu reports Page 13

What can Bob teach Tony? Gerald Kaufman writes to Tony Blair about Bob Hawke's memoirs; Rachel Cusk on Iain Sinclair's *Radon Daughters*, plus other new fiction .... Pages 32, 33

Jack the wolf: New films this week include *Wolf*, in which Jack Nicholson, playing a modern-day werewolf, sinks his fangs into Michelle Pfeiffer's neck .... Page 29

Mordant maestro: Christoph von Dohnányi, maestro of the Cleveland Orchestra, launches a broadside against his conducting colleagues. Simon Rattle's Mozart interpretation is "a total misunderstanding", he says .... Page 31

Edinburgh nights: Jeremy Kingston on *The Winter's Tale*; Kate Bassett on the glut of stand-up comedians who are appearing on the Fringe .... Pages 30, 31

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Reach for the stars

This year's GCSE results suggest that examiners may be learning from past mistakes .... Page 15

A tinge of green

Should voters vote for a Green Party candidate who will never win power, or should they vote tactically? .... Page 15

Simply Susana

The Tale of Susana Higuchi, Peru's First Lady, has taught us that a Latin American President's wife need not be anonymous .... Page 15

WILLIAM REES MOGG

In Rome there is anxiety about the Pope's health. He may live for decades rather than years, but that would be something of a surprise. It used to be said that fat popes alternated with thin popes, but that *does not tell who might succeed a* muscular one .... Page 14

JANET DALEY

At 11, fresh from their happy, touchy-feely primary schoolrooms, nearly all children may believe themselves capable of anything, *but by their mid-teens* a large proportion are alienated and bored by school .... Page 14

Ernst von Bressensdorf, German who helped to save Paris from destruction by the Nazis; **Marion Stancioff**, diplomat's wife and scholar; **Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Douglas Gordon**, soldier, innkeeper and antiques dealer; **Conrad Ascher**, barrister .... Page 17

Should cathedrals charge for admission? .... Page 15

Germany isn't the only entry point for nuclear contraband. Other nations should be enlisted to fight smuggling — *Los Angeles Times*

Getting rid of Fidel Castro is a job for the Cuban people themselves, not for the US government or Miami exiles . *New York Times*

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES

Linda Chapman, 51, who has regained her sight through a ten-minute operation by Russian specialists after being blind almost since birth
Page 6

O.J. Simpson, whose defence team has suffered another blow with the discovery that hairs on a cap found near his wife's slain body match his
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Roh Soh Yeong, daughter of South Korea's former President, who has been accused of smuggling foreign currency
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Further on down the road

■ Will the information superhighway turn into the electronic equivalent of spaghetti junction? George Cole reports

Down Colchester way

■ Why do you need guts to play the ultimate game with plastic? Clement Freud goes to Essex *to find out*

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■ Alan Jackson delves into the mystical, smiling world of Christian rock festivals; David Sinclair on all the latest albums

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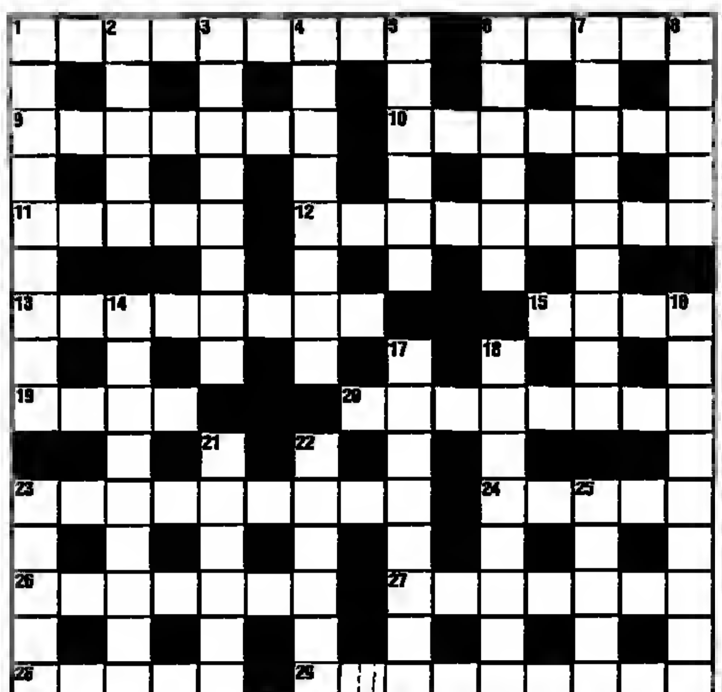

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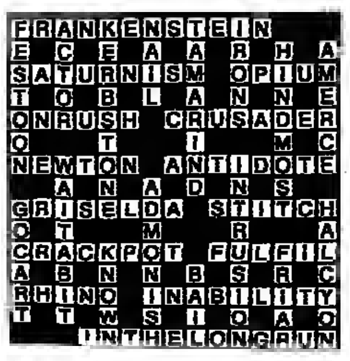
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Tuesday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, 1.17in; highest sunshine: Newquay, Cornwall, 10.1hr.

☐ **General:** unsettled, with rain spreading from the southwest, and showery elsewhere. Southwest England and South Wales will have a dry and bright morning with rain in the afternoon. The rest of England and North Wales will have a mainly dry day with bright or sunny spells, but rain will spread across southern and central areas in the evening and overnight.

Scotland and N Ireland will have sunny spells and showers, which may be heavy in western areas later and spread east overnight.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** mainly dry with sunny spells, then rain overnight. Wind west, light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, N Wales, NW England, *Central N England*:** *mainly dry with* sunny spells, but rain later. Wind west, light to moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** dry morning, but rain in afternoon. Wind mainly moderate, southwest. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** bright spells and showers, some heavy later in the day. Wind light, west to southwest. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** sunny spells and showers. Wind light, west to southwest. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:** bright spells and showers. Wind moderate, west to southwest. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Shetland:** cloudy, some rain or drizzle. Wind light and variable. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** most places will have a mixture of sunny spells and showers.

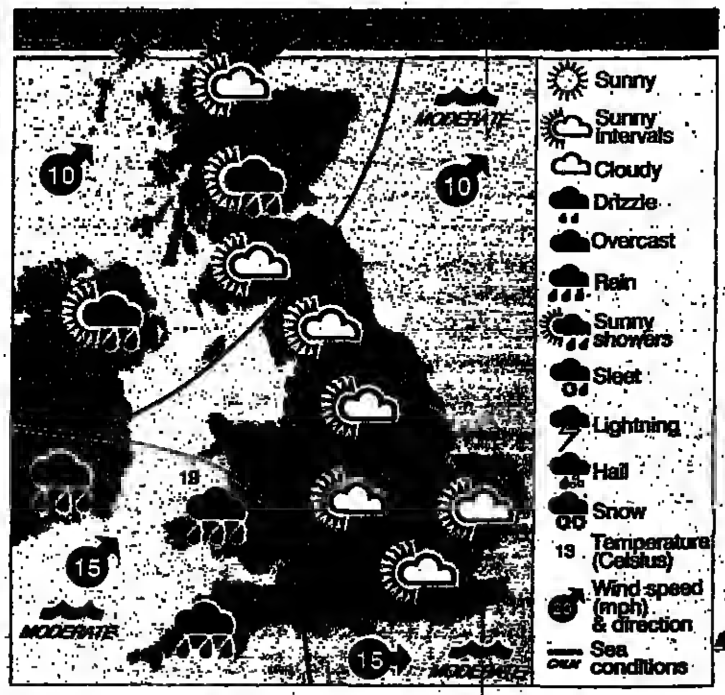
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.39	15	59	r	London	1.7	0.07	22	72	sh
Anglesey	7.7	0.34	18	64	s	Lowestoft	5.3	-	26	79	s
Aspatria	4.1	0.28	19	66	r	Manchester	2.6	0.16	16	61	r
Aviemore	0.3	0.16	17	63	r	Margate	6.9	-	25	77	s
Belfast	5.5	0.45	19	66	r	Minehead	6.0	0.05	21	70	s
Birmingham	3.3	0.02	21	70	r	Morecambe	X				
Bognor R	2.7	0.07	20	68	sh	Newcastle	0.4	0.17	16	61	r
Bournem'th	4.2	0.01	21	70	b	Newquay	10.1	0.10	18	64	s
Bristol	4.7	-	21	70	b	Norwich	6.0	-	25	77	b
Buxton	3.1	0.16	17	63	b	Nottingham	2.6	0.28	21	70	sh
Cardiff	2.1	0.14	19	66	r	Oxford	3.4	0.01	21	70	r
Clacton	2.4	-	22	72	b	Penzance	X				
Colwyn Bay	5.3	0.02	21	70	s	Plymouth	8.1	0.10	19	66	s
Cromer	3.1	0.03	22	72	sh	Poole	2.8	0.02	22	72	b
Doncaster	2.9	0.11	22	72	r	Prestatyn	X	0.07	20	68	s
Dunbar	-	0.09	18	64	sh	Ross-o-wye	4.3	-	21	70	s
Eastbourne	3.6	-	21	70	b	Ryde	2.9	0.03	22	72	sh
Edinburgh	0.3	0.20	18	64	r	Salcombe	7.9	0.09	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	1.0	1.01	15	59	r	Sandown	2.8	0.04	20	68	sh
Exmouth	5.0	0.01	21	70	s	Saunton Snd	2.7	0.06	19	66	s
Falmouth	X	0.19	19	66	sh	Scarboro'	X				
Fishguard	2.1	0.25	19	66	sh	Scilly Isles	6.5	0.17	18	64	s
Folkestone	5.6	-	21	70	b	Shanklin	4.7	0.06	20	68	b
Glasgow	2.4	1.17	16	61	r	Shrewsbury	4.8	0.56	21	70	sh
Guernsey	6.2	0.03	20	68	s	Skegness	5.3	-	23	73	b
Hastings	3.3	-	21	70	c	Southend	2.8	X	X	X	c
Hayling I	2.7	0.01	20	68	sh	Southport	6.2	0.02	19	66	sh
Herne Bay	7.1	-	24	75	b	Southsea	2.2	-	21	70	b
Hove	3.7	0.02	22	72	c	Stornoway	-	0.54	16	61	r
Hunstanton	X	-	24	75	b	Swanage	4.7	0.01	20	68	s
Isle of Man	6.5	0.54	17	63	r	Teignmouth	7.0	-	21	70	s
Jersey	4.9	0.03	16	61	d	Tenby	9.2	0.43	18	64	s
Kinloss	0.2	0.17	17	63	r	Tiree	5.1	0.72	17	63	r
Leeds	3.2	0.28	20	68	f	Torquay	6.9	0.04	21	70	s
Lerwick	7.7	-	15	59	b	Tynemouth	1.0	0.29	16	61	r
Leuchars	0.5	0.61	16	61	r	Ventnor	3.4	0.05	19	66	b
Littlehmptn	2.5	0.08	20	68	sh	Weymouth	4.8	0.01	20	68	s
Liverpool	4.5	0.06	20	68	r						

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	29	84 s	C'phagn	20	68 f	Madrid	29	84 s	Riyadh	42	108 s
Akrotiri	32	90 s	Corfu	34	93 s	Majorca	31	88 f	Rome	30	86 s
Alex'dria	30	86 s	Dublin	14	57 r	Malaga	36	97 s	Salzburg	22	72 f
Algiers	35	95 s	Dubrovnik	28	82 s	Malta	35	95 s	S F'risco	20	68 f
Amst'dm	21	70 f	Faro	28	82 s	Melb'rne	15	59 c	Santiago	13	55 c
Athens	34	93 s	Florence	31	88 f	Mexico C	22	72 f	S Paulo	19	66 c
Bahrain	37	99 s	Frankfurt	23	73 f	Miami	34	93 s	Seoul	31	88 s
Bangkok	30	86 f	Funchal	24	75 f	Milan	29	84 s	Sing'por	31	88 f
Barbados	26	79 c	Geneva	23	73 f	Montreal	20	68 s	St'kholm	20	68 s
Barcelona	28	82 c	Gibraltar	30	86 s	Moscow	14	57 c	Strasb'rg	23	73 s
Beirut	30	86 f	Helsinki	16	61 s	Munich	23	73 f	Sydney	17	63 s
Belgrade	30	86 s	Hong K	33	91 s	Nairobi	22	72 c	Tangier	25	77 s
Berlin	19	66 f	Innsbrck	23	73 f	Naples	33	91 s	Tel Aviv	32	90 s
Bermuda	32	90 f	Istanbul	29	84 s	N Delhi	27	81 f	Tenerife	29	84 s
Biarritz	21	70 f	Jeddah	35	95 s	N York	23	73 s	Tokyo	30	86 c
Borde'x	22	72 f	Jo'burg	13	55 s	Nice	28	82 s	Toronto	21	70 s
Brussels	19	66 f	Karachi	31	88 f	Oslo	18	64 c	Tunis	34	93 s
Budapest	24	75 f	L Palmas	27	81 s	Paris	20	68 c	Valencia	30	86 f
B Aires	5	41 s	Le Touqt	18	64 f	Peking	29	84 c	Vanc'ver	19	66 s
Cairo	35	95 s	Lisbon	23	73 s	Perth	23	73 s	Venice	23	73 f
Cape Tn	17	63 s	Locarno	27	81 s	Prague	15	59 f	Vienna	22	72 f
Chicago	27	81 f	L Angels	25	77 s	Reykjavik	13	55 r	Warsaw	23	73 f
Ch'church	X		Luxembg	19	66 f	Rhodes	32	90 s	Wash'ton	24	75 s
Cologne	20	68 f	Luxor	40	104 s	Rio de J	26	79 f	Zurich	19	66 c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



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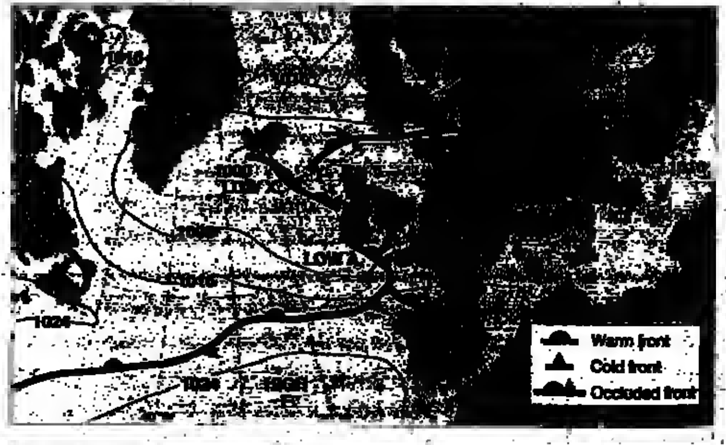

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London Bridge	4.00	7.1	4.08	7.0	Liverpool	1.08	9.3	1.29	8.9
Aberdeen	3.17	4.2	3.44	4.0	Lowestoft	11.27	2.6	11.57	2.3
Avonmouth	9.26	13.0	9.40	12.9	Margate	2.16	4.6	2.18	4.7
Belfast	1.00	3.5	1.21	3.3	Milford Haven	8.23	6.5	8.39	6.5
Cardiff	9.10	11.90	9.27	11.79	Newquay	7.12	6.6	7.32	6.7
Devonport	7.54	5.1	8.5	5.2	Oban	7.38	3.8	8.1	3.6
Dover	1.13	6.5	1.27	6.6	Penzance	6.57	5.2	7.08	5.3
Falmouth	7.24	4.9	7.35	5.0	Portland	8.58	1.9	9.9	2.0
Glasgow	3.02	4.9	3.21	4.7	Portsmouth	1.19	4.8	1.41	4.6
Harwich	1.58	3.9	2.2	3.9	Shoreham	1.28	6.0	1.42	6.1
Holyhead	12.12	5.6	12.33	5.2	Southampton	12.42	4.3	1.02	4.4
Hull	8.23	7.28	8.49	7.08	Swansea	8.24	9.1	8.40	9.1
Ilfracombe	8.03	8.84	8.20	8.80	Tees	5.43	5.5	6.12	5.9
King's Lynn	8.29	6.7	8.56	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	1.52	4.1	2.1	4.1
Leith	4.40	5.5	5.6	5.3					

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Moon rises 9.16 pm
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Edinburgh 8.28 pm to 6.03 am
Manchester 8.16 pm to 6.06 am
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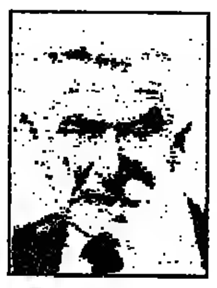

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Wellcome files suit against SB over anti-herpes drug

Robb: no action in the UK

By Sarah Bagnall

WELLCOME, the pharmaceutical group, is taking legal action against SmithKline Beecham, a rival drugs company, claiming patent infringements of its best-selling product, Zovirax, an anti-herpes drug.

Wellcome said that Wellcome Burroughs, its American subsidiary, had filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the US against one of SB's most important new drugs, Famvir, a herpes and shingles treatment. It is seeking an injunction against the sale of Famvir in the US and claiming damages.

A spokesman at Wellcome said: "We believe that Famvir infringes two separate patents." SB denied the allegations and said it would offer a vigorous defence.

Zovirax is the world's fourth largest selling drug and has been used by more than 30 million people worldwide. In 1993, its sales represented 37 per cent of Wellcome's total sales. In the ten months to June 30, sales reached £688 million, of which £285 million were in America.

No sales figures are available for Famvir, which was launched in America last month. However, the City had pencilled in possible annual sales of at least $500 million by the end of the decade. Wellcome, where John Robb is chairman and chief executive, is not taking legal action in the UK, although Famvir is also available here. A Wellcome spokesman said that this was because of slight differences in the patent law in the UK.

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The announcement caught the City by surprise, but was generally received as moderately good news for Wellcome and potentially damaging for SB. As a result, Wellcome's shares rose 11p to 720p, while SB's A shares slipped 2p to 446p.

Wellcome's first claim is that Famvir infringes a patent that covers a class of molecules of which Zovirax is one. This patent is due to expire in the US in 1997. The second claim relates to a separate patent covering a method that enhances the absorption of an orally taken drug into the blood stream by creating a "prodrug". This prodrug patent does not expire until 2008.

The City questioned the timing of the move, saying it was odd that Wellcome had not taken action before Famvir's launch. Wellcome defended its decision, claiming that the infringement took place only when Famvir was actually sold.

Some analysts suggested that the delay in taking action might affect Wellcome's chances of obtaining an injunction.

James Culverwell, an analyst at Hoare Govett, said: "The likelihood of them getting an injunction is pretty low since Famvir is already being used."

The action, the first concerning Zovirax, is not likely to reach court for several years. Wellcome is currently waiting for the outcome of an appeal on Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug, by Barr Laboratories.

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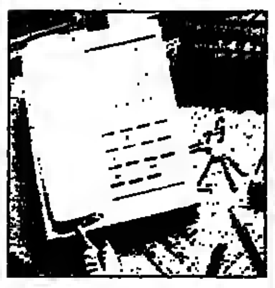

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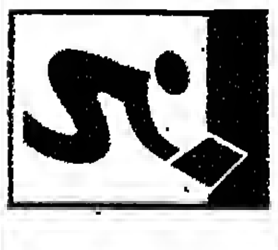

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Barclays appoints internal watchdog

By Robert Miller

BARCLAYS Bank will today launch a drive aimed at keeping its seven million personal customers and winning new ones.

Stung by a tidal wave of criticism over its charges and poor levels of customer service, the bank is unveiling a national complaints initiative, which has been sanctioned at boardroom level and is backed by an initial investment of more than £2 million.

Chris Lendrum, deputy managing director of Barclays' UK banking services, said yesterday: "I've been told by the board that from now on I'm as much on the line over customer service standards as I am on profits from our 2,100 branches. We are investing millions of pounds in improving our customer services."

Lendrum: responsible

Earlier this month, when Barclays annouoced record pre-tax profits of £1.04 billion for the first six months of this year, the bank came under fire from unions and consumer organisations. The unions condemned the bank for not ploughing the money back into saving jobs. At least 18,500 have been lost so far and a further 2,500 are expected by 1995. The Consumers' Association said that the huge profits "added insult to injury for thousands of customers who have suffered poor service and too high charges".

Mr Lendrum acknowledged that much of the criticism was justified. He said: "The banks, and I include Barclays, have been extremely backward in the way that complaints have been handled in the past. We now want to turn over the page and start a new chapter. I think anybody who wants to be a serious force in the banking industry will need to follow our example.

"Handled well with a sincere apology and effective action, our relationship with the customer can be strengthened. Handled badly, a customer may understandably take his business elsewhere."

The initiative has been a year in the planning and is backed by extensive customer research, Mr Lendrum said. The performance of Barclays' branches will be individually monitored against a service performance index. Customer complaints have been split into 15 categories ranging from account transactions to policy issues and lending/risk. Within these categories are more than 100 headings to cover possible areas of complaint such as interest rates, branch closures, poor product knowledge and negligent advice.

Mr Lendrum said that under the complaints service, which will also include the bank's 750,000 small business customers, there would be no pre-set compensation payments if the bank is at fault but local managers would be able to make awards at their discretion. Last year, the bank's central complaints unit received 9,000 complaints from customers but said Mr Lendrum: "That is only the tip of the iceberg. We want to know what is going on beneath the waterline." A copy of every complaint form will be lodged with the central unit.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City affairs spokesman, commented: "There is no doubt that banks are beginning to respond to the criticisms over the very limited rights of redress for customers who feel aggrieved about their treatment."

From today, Barclays promises to respond to written complaints and those received over the telephone within 24 hours and, where possible, to resolve the issue. Mr Lendrum added: "When people think of Marks and Spencer, they think of certain standards and quality. I want them to think of Barclays in the same way."

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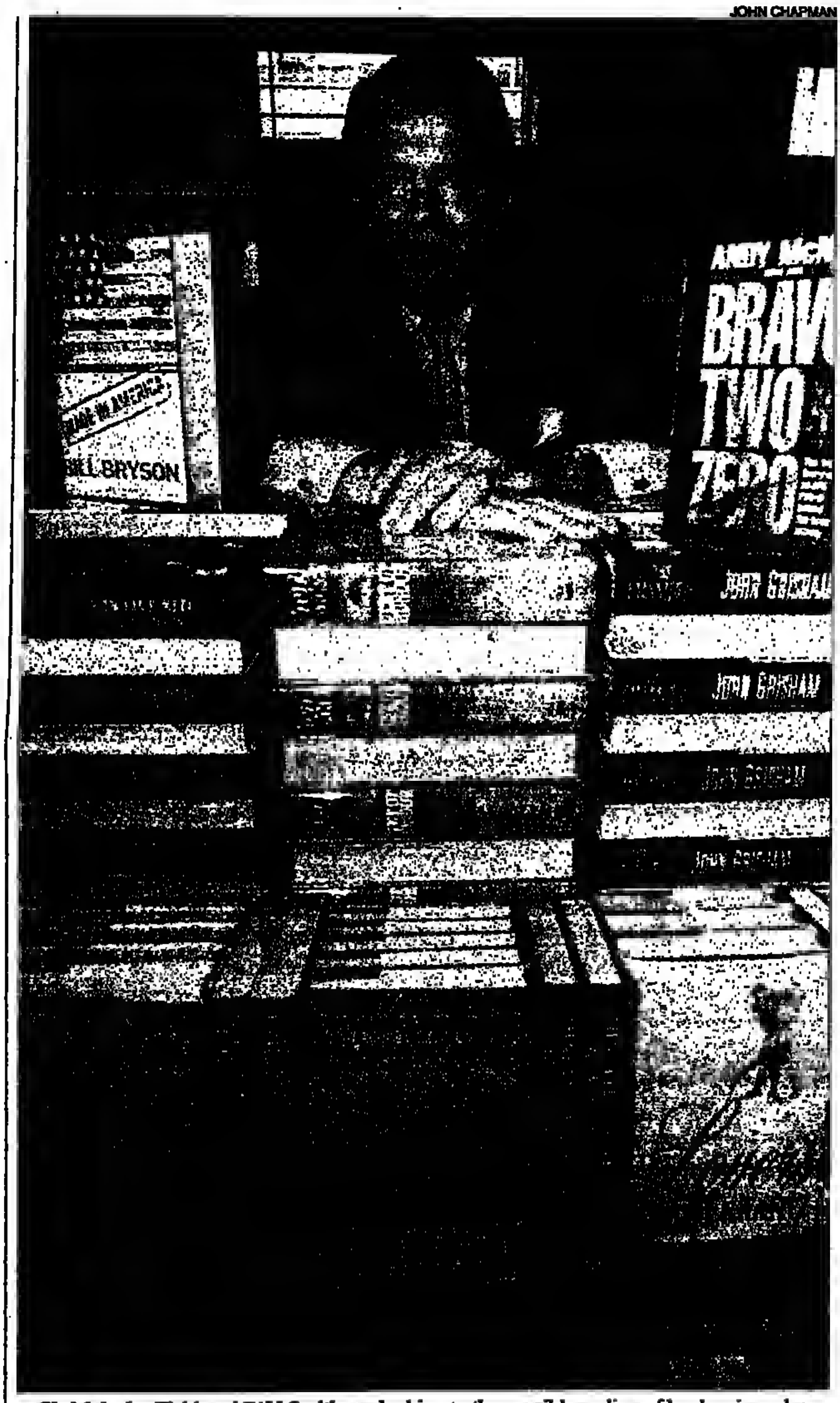

Sir Malcolm Field and W H Smith are looking to the possible ending of book-price rules

WH Smith vows to win books battle

By Susan Gilchrist

WH SMITH yesterday sought to allay City concerns over the likely abolition of the Net Book Agreement (NBA), saying that it would be one of the winners in any new environment.

Jeremy Hardie, who took over as chairman earlier this year, said that the group would continue to prosper even if the NBA were dismantled. "We are confident of making money either way," he said. "We know how to operate in price-competitive markets, as our experience with music and video shows."

Mr Hardie's stance marks a break with the position traditionally taken by WH Smith. Under Sir Simon Hornby, the previous chairman, the group was a staunch supporter of the NBA and funded the publishers' defence of the agreement. Yesterday, Sir Malcolm Field, chief executive, said that the group was no longer prepared to shoulder the financial burden oo its own.

The change comes less than ten days after Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of fair trading, called for removal of the NBA, which prevents retailers from selling most books below the official cover price.

Mr Hardie said that WH Smith would probably gain share at the expense of the smaller booksellers if the NBA were abolished.. The group already has about 22 per cent of Britain's book market through the WH Smith and Waterstones chains, more than twice the share of its next largest competitor. However, Mr Hardie said that the impact on profits was less clear, and accepted that margins would probably suffer.

His remarks came as the group unveiled a 13 per cent rise in underlying profits for the year to May 28. However, the bottom line was depressed by £41.4 million of exceptional charges relating to rationalisation of Do It All, its loss-making DIY joint venture with Boots, and the restructuring of management in the WH Smith chain. Pre-tax profits fell to £83.4 million, from £113.8 million. Sales increased across the board, with the strongest gains from Our Price, Waterstones and the business supplies division.

A final dividend of 10.4p (9.9p) makes a total payout of 15.4p (14.2p), a rise of 8.5 per cent, paid out of earnings per share down to 20.2p (31.1p).

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Profits accelerate at Honda

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

HONDA, the Japanese carmaker, has found a golden lining in the cloud created by the £800 million takeover in February of Rover, its British partner, by BMW.

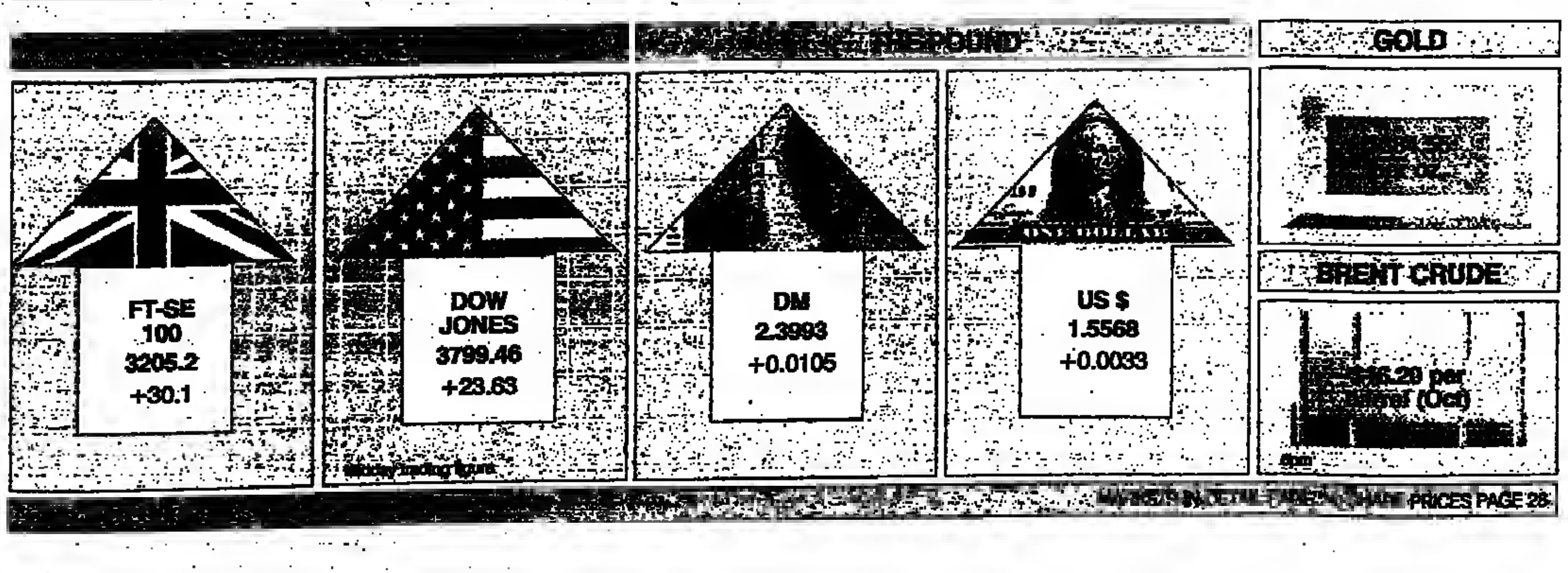
First-quarter figures from Honda yesterday showed that it had increased pre-tax profits by 110 per cent to 32.2 billion yen (£210 million) with the help of proceeds from the sale of its stake in Rover.

Honda's public response to the BMW takeover initially had the air of a jilted lover, but the company has since given no indication that it plans to abort technological co-operation with Rover.

First-quarter sales by the Japanese company totalled Y973 billion, up 5.8 per cent. Car sales rose 7.6 per cent. In the depressed Japanese market, sales dropped 6.4 per cent. This was more than offset by strong sales in North America and Europe.

But the company acknowledged that the main improvement in profits came from non-operating items, including Y14.6 billion (£95 million) it received in the quarter from unwinding its cross-holdings in Rover. The shareholding arrangement was terminated in May after BMW acquired 80 per cent of Rover from British Aerospace. Honda sold its 20 per cent of Rover Group to Rover's holding company, and bought back a 20 per cent stake in Honda of the UK, based at Swindon, Wiltshire.

BMW, challenging a gloomy forecast from the head of Volkswagen yesterday, said July orders, sales and output are well up on July 1993, and that domestic and export trends were pointing skyward.



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Telephone firms ordered to improve training

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S telephone companies have been ordered to improve sales staff training after a survey by the regulatory Office of Telecommunications uncovered widespread ignorance of fair trading rules.

Although there was little evidence of actual abuse, Don Cruickshank, Oftel director-general, said that fewer than half of customer relations staff even knew that rules existed. He said that showed a very worrying weakness in companies' training. He added: "I will be pressing all the companies to review and strengthen their compliance programmes." Oftel is keen to ensure that companies do not offer inaccurate or misleading information about their rivals as competition for customers intensifies.

Mr Cruickshank said that Oftel had found some unfairness but nothing systematic. However, he said that staff needed to know precisely what they could and could not say about competitors.

BT said: "This is a matter that we take extremely seriously. We keep the effectiveness of our training constantly under review."

The issue of fair comment is fast moving up the agenda as cable companies extend the challenge that is being mounted by Mercury Communications for BT's household customers.

According to Oftel, the offer of cheaper services is proving attactive to customers. But the survey identified two key barriers to effective competition: the difficulty in comparing BT's "unit" charging system with pay-by-the-minute rates, and the need to change number when switching to a cable company phone line.

Mr Cruickshank has already ordered BT to modernise its charging system. And yesterday, in a key decision, he ordered Britain's biggest phone company to use its call-forwarding equipment to allow customers to switch to Videotron, the American cable group, without changing numbers.

BT said that it would comply, albeit reluctantly. The company said that call-forwarding imposed significant extra costs, but it remained unclear who would meet them.

The decision coincided with an agreement on a new technical specification to allow telephone companies to introduce number portability. However, BT said it would be some time before the facility was in place.

Gartmore jumps 55% but funds fall £1bn

By Robert Miller

GARTMORE gave an indication of how volatile world equity and bond markets have been this year when it announced yesterday that total funds under management had fallen £1 billion to £20 billion in spite of attracting £1.4 billion of new business in the six months to June 30.

The fund management group still lifted interim pre-tax profits 55 per cent to £17.5 million and paid a maiden dividend of 1.75p after its flotation last November. The group was previously a wholly owned subsidiary of Banque Indosuez. Earnings per share rose to 5.7p (3.7p).

Gartmore attracted £600,000 of net new pension fund money with the pooled pension business raising £167 million. Paul Myners, chairman, said that sales of its UK authorised unit trusts, of which the group has 20, pulled in £62 million in the first half. Sales of its Capital Strategy offshore fund were £35 million.

On its investment trust side, Gartmore launched a British Income and Growth Trust, an income-biased split capital trust, which raised £43 million, bringing the number of trusts managed to 11 with a total of £1 billion under management.

In Canada, McLean, Budden — Gartmore's 58 per cent-owned subsidiary — took £189 million of new funds under management while the group's Capital Management arm, set up last year to market its investment services internationally, was awarded contracts totalling £337 million.

Shareholder funds increased by £7.8 million to £37.3 million and Gartmore's cash flow showed a net increase of £9.4 million since the start of the year.

Mr Myners said: "The sensitivity of Gartmore's funds under management — on which the group's revenues largely depend — to the levels of world securities markets has been demonstrated during the period. I remain confident that Gartmore possesses the necessary expertise and ambition to achieve progress in its business and, subject to the impact of movements in markets, to grow its profits at a satisfactory rate over the long term."

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David Trapnell, Marley's chief executive, sees a steady but unspectacular improvement in the second half

Marley reaps the benefit of surge in building

By Liz Dolan

A BURST of housebuilding activity on both sides of the Atlantic sent interim profits soaring at Marley, the tiles and bricks group.

But concern about higher PVC prices and a slight disappointment over the unchanged half-time dividend took some of the gloss off the City's reaction. This meant that the shares slipped 4p to 151p, after touching 149p, in spite of the fact that a near-50 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £19.5 million, excluding business disposal profits, was even better than most analysts had predicted.

Operating profits rose 35 per cent to £23.5 million, with concrete and clay products putting in a particularly strong performance.

The best news came from the UK, but the US, responsible for around 20 per cent of turnover, also did well. Demand for blocks and paving stones from British builders was matched by strong sales of bricks in America.

David Trapnell, the chief executive, is bullish about prospects for the South African bricks and tiles business, but admits that there has been little or no housebuilding activity in the country since the new government was elected. This held back profits on the plumbing, moulding and flooring division at 1993 levels.

Mr Trapnell forecast a continued improvement in the second half, but said the recovery would be steady rather than spectacular.

A jump in profits on the motor components side from £100,000 to £1.2 million came largely as a result of cost savings and productivity improvements in both the UK and Germany.

Mr Trapnell revealed that margins on the "light" side of the business, which takes in plumbing, moulding and flooring materials, are coming under pressure because of a 15 per cent increase in PVC prices.

This, plus news of a possible price war in Germany, unnerved some observers. But Donald Anderson, of Hoare Govett, is one of many who remains bullish about prospects.

He said: "The management deserves more credit than it sometimes gets for knocking a lot of the costs out of the business. Benefits are coming through all the time now from what they've achieved on that front." Mr Anderson has raised his full-year profits forecast by £3 million to £49 million, compared with a £1.1 million loss last time.

Although the interim dividend is unchanged at 2.1p, the final is likely to be increased for the first time in three years.

Earnings per share rose from 3p to 4.5p after adjustments for profits of £6.5 million on the disposal of discontinued operations.

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Kent boosts Mersey Docks

Furlong: expansion

By Carl Mortished

MERSEY Docks and Harbour Company, owner of the Port of Liverpool, is reaping the rewards from the purchase of Medway Ports in October 1993. The port at Sheerness, Kent, bought for £104 million, lifted Mersey's first-half results by £6 million, helping to take pre-tax profits from £8.9 million to £15.9 million.

Traffic at the Port of Liverpool showed little growth in the six months to June 30 but the company is still keeping profits up thanks to minimum revenue deals with bulk cargo operators and aggressive cost cutting. Mersey Docks has a new deal with the unions abolishing higher overtime rates in return for a minimum number of hours worked.

Mersey Docks, where Trevor Furlong is chief executive, spent £9 million in the first half on new harbour cranes and an animal feed warehouse and expects to spend a further £11 million by the year end on a cold store.

Mersey Docks is paying a 3.3p interim dividend, up 16 per cent on the previous year.

Hoechst makes strong advance

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

HOECHST, the world's biggest chemicals group, has forecast sharply higher profits this year after accelerated first-half earnings as sales volumes strengthened.

The second of the big three German chemicals companies to report its interim figures this summer, Hoechst yesterday said group pre-tax profit for the first half was DM1.08 billion, up 38.9 per cent on the same stage last year. The net profit was DM249 million higher at DM651 million.

Importantly for Jürgen Dormann, who took over as management board chairman this year, Hoechst showed an operating profit in the first half at its parent company. Its pre-tax profit was DM528 million, up by DM186 million.

It was a parent company operating loss of DM217 million which crowned a dismal final year for Wolfgang Hilger, Herr Dormann's predecessor, who was criticised for costly strategic misjudgments. In a break with company tradition, Herr Hilger was not elevated from management board chairman to chairman of the supervisory board.

Group first-half sales were 8 per cent higher this year at DM24.7 billion, largely reflecting higher volumes. The inclusion of AgrEvo, its crop protection acquisition, lifted sales 3 per cent and currency movements added 1 per cent.

But while sales only rose slightly in Germany, elsewhere in Europe they grew 10 per cent in the first half. In North America, its Celanese subsidiary boosted sales 7 per cent. In Asia, they surged 25 per cent. "With volume sales remaining good abroad and signs that domestic demand is recovering, we expect overall earnings for 1994 will clearly exceed the previous year's weak result," Hoechst said.

The main volume rises were chemicals, fibres and technical polymers. But while chemicals maintained last year's prices, downward pressure increased in other products.

Hoechst is to continue to implement restructuring measures, above all in Europe, which mean further rationalisation costs this year. First-half German sales were DM5.37 billion against rest of the world sales of DM19.29 billion, highlighting the global reach of the business.

Last week, BASF opened the interim season for Germany's big three chemicals companies with a 41 per cent pre-tax profit rise. Tomorrow, Bayer is expected to end the season with a smaller rise.

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Blockbuster backs merger with Viacom

THE board of Blockbuster, the American entertainment company that owns video rental shops in Britain, has finally reaffirmed its merger with Viacom in a share-exchange deal worth $8.4 billion, ending months of speculation. As recently as May, Wayne Huizenga, Blockbuster's chairman, had said that the merger might not go ahead; analysts noted the decline in Viacom shares after its battle with QVC for Paramount Communications. However, a delighted Sumner Redstone, head of Viacom, recently announced improved profits for the company, and it is expected to sell Madison Square Garden, New York, for well over a billion dollars.

The Blockbuster board's decision was unanimous. Mr Huizenga said: "It's been a long and sometimes bumpy road, but we still believe today that the combination of Blockbuster with Viacom and Paramount represents an excellent strategic opportunity." During the fight for Paramount, Blockbuster invested $1.85 billion in Viacom to help it to succeed, making Blockbuster Viacom's second-largest shareholder as well as its biggest customer.

Victaulic advances

VICTAULIC, the plastic pipes manufacturer, says three acquisitions made during the company's first half for a total of £10 million were being successfully integrated, and the company is seeking further acquisition opportunities. Victaulic raised pre-tax profits 7 per cent to £6.2 million in the first half of 1984, and earnings per share were up by the same proportion to 9.4p. The interim dividend is raised 0.1p to 2.6p. Overseas sales were up 18 per cent to £14 million and now represent a quarter of the group total. David Winch, chairman, said Victaulic was confident about its overall performance in the second half and the longer term.

Orders thin at Senior

A DEARTH of orders for nuclear power components spoilt otherwise satisfactory half-time figures from Senior Engineering. Pre-tax profits grew only 6 per cent to £12.1 million in the six months to June 30, in spite of a 74 per cent leap in profits from the fast-growing engineering products division to £8.2 million. The culprit was the thermal engineering business, where profits slipped from £3.7 million to £2.8 million after a fall in sales of nearly £4 million to £62.4 million. Albert E Sharp, Senior's stockbroker, has revised its 1994 profit forecast down by £2 million to £28.5 million (£24.18 million). The half-year dividend is 5.7 per cent higher at 1.3p.

Store wars hit Daniels

EFFECTS of the price war between supermarket chains sent S. Daniels, the dried fruits and bakery ingredients group, into the red in its first half. The reversal from £25,000 profits to a £244,000 loss in the six months to June 30 had been on the cards since Paul Daniels, chairman, gave warning in May that the group had been hit by "unprecedented pressures on the UK food industry". Mr Daniels expects improvement in the second half, but says that it may not restore the company to profit for the full year. The raw materials division has been reduced to its profitable core, but leaving much the London head office unoccupied. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Parity's buy pays off

A SIGNIFICANT acquisition by Parity, the computer business formerly known as Comac, sent halfway profits for 1994 ahead from £600,000 to £2 million and allowed the payment of a 0.75p interim dividend. Shares in Parity, whose chief executive is Philip Swinstead, formerly head of SD-Scicon, jumped 12p to 129p on the news. Earnings per share were doubled from 1.8p to 3.5p. Mr Swinstead said the results included a full six months from CSS Trident, bought in November and now the main trading operation. Two more purchases have been made since. Parity ended the first half with cash balances of £4.8 million.

Mayflower races ahead

MAYFLOWER Corporation, the specialist automotive engineering group, yesterday announced a 48 per cent leap in interim pre-tax profits and the resignation of Merrick Taylor, its chairman. The shares stayed at 63p. Profits rose to £3.51 million, from £2.4 million, in the half year to June 30, aided by the successful launch of new products and by efficiency gains. Turnover rose 36 per cent, to £65.5 million. The final dividend rises to 0.5p, from 0.45p, out of increased earnings of 1.37p a share. Mr Taylor is to leave at the end of the month to develop his own international car consultancy. He will provide Mayflower with consultancy services.

Gibbs & Dandy recovers

A TENTATIVE recovery in the construction industry helped to lift interim profits at Gibbs & Dandy, the builders' merchant. Pre-tax profits rose to £425,000 (£292,000) on sales of £11.9 million (£11.4 million). John Dandy, chairman, said gross margins were maintained in spite of fierce competition. The bottom line was further bolstered by lower interest payments, down to £45,000 from £74,000, and a reduction in bad debts. Mr Dandy predicted a further increase in profit in the second half. The interim dividend rises to 1.2p (1p). Barring unforeseen circumstances, the group expects to pay a final of 1.8p (1.5p), making 3p (2.5p).

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Company No: 2641616
DEREK BLOCK INTERNATIONAL CONCERTS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
I, IAN DAVID HOLLAND, FCA, of HOLLAND + CO. Wakefield House, 32 High Street, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 5PW, was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on the 19th August 1994 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated this 19th day of August 1994. I.D. HOLLAND LIQUIDATOR.

National Power PLC
Electricity Act 1989 Section 36 and Schedule 8 Paragraph 7 (1)
DIDCOT B COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE POWER STATION

Notice is hereby given that National Power PLC (whose Registered Office is at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB) has applied to the President of the Board of Trade for Consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for different operation of Didcot B Power Station, which is to be constructed on land adjacent to the Company's existing Didcot A Power Station in the Vale of the White Horse District of Oxfordshire.

The effect of the application if granted would be to permit the utilisation of any two of the existing southern group of three natural draught cooling towers, currently used by Didcot A Power Station, for cooling Didcot B Power Station.

A copy of the application and a plan showing the area to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement in support of the application documenting the effects of the current proposal in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, with a summary thereof, are available for inspection during normal office hours at: Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, OXFORD, OX1 1SD. Vale of White Horse District Council, The Abbey House, ABINGDON, Oxfordshire, OX14 3JE. Didcot Town Library, 197 The Broadway, DIDCOT, Oxfordshire, OX11 8RU.

Copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from the gatehouse at Didcot A Power Station while stocks last.

Any objection to the application should be made in writing to the Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, stating the name of the station and the grounds for objection, not later than 30 September 1994.

IN THE MATTER OF L A Tyler & Company Ltd - In Liquidation AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, P S Dunn, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 11th August 1994, following the resignation of J B Stephenson from office on 11th August 1994 and her being given her release. Dated this 11th August 1994. P S Dunn, Liquidator

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KEMWELL ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF KEMWELL ENGINEERING LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP AND LIQUIDATION)
On 10 August 1994 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. P E Baldwin of Price Waterhouse, Cornwall Court, 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT has been appointed liquidator. Creditors of the Company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address. Dated 18 August 1994. PE Baldwin FCA, Liquidator.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987

The former St. Laurence Church of England Infants and Junior School at Ludlow in the County of Shropshire

WHEREAS:

(1) The Trustees of St. Laurence Church of England Infants and Junior School at Ludlow in the County of Shropshire formerly held the land specified in the Schedule hereto (with other land) under a deed dated 18 June 1857 and made between George Randall Hookey John Mead and Elizabeth Mead of the one part and the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish of Ludlow of the other part. The deed was made under the provision of the School Sites Act 1841 upon trust for use as part of the site of St. Laurence School. On ceasing to be used for these purposes there was provision under the said Act for reverter of land.

(2) The land ceased to be so used in August 1992 and by virtue of Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 became subject to a trust (hereinafter called "the reverter trust") to sell the land and to stand possessed of the net proceeds of sale and of the net rents and profits until sale upon trust for the persons who but for that Act would from time to time be entitled to the ownership of the land by virtue of the reverter.

(3) The Trustees have sold part of the land comprised in the deed of 1857 and now hold the property specified in the Schedule hereto on the trust of the reverter trust.

NOW THE TRUSTEES give notice as follows:

1. The Trustees propose to apply to the Charity Commission for England and Wales under Section 2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 for an Order establishing a scheme with respect to the property subject to the reverter trust which will:
   (a) extinguish the rights of beneficiaries under the reverter trust; and
   (b) require the trustees to hold the said property on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the Order.
2. Any beneficiary under the reverter trust who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance, c/o Messrs. Lee Bolton & Lee, No. 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, SW1P 3JT within three months of the date of this newspaper.

THE SCHEDULE

The property vested in the reverter trustees consists:

1. A plot of land abutting the south side of Lower Galdeford Road Ludlow and to the west of the access to the Bishop Mascall Centre
2. The sum of £8,780 representing the net proceeds of sale of part of the land originally comprised in the reverter trust
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Numbers do walking at Yellow Pages

By George Sivell, Assistant Business Editor

Sir Iain Vallance

YELLOW Pages, a subsidiary of British Telecom, where Sir Iain Vallance is chairman, conceded yesterday that millions of directories published for 1995 will have obsolete telephone numbers for thousand of businesses for more than half of the year.

On April 16 next year, all British codes will have the number 1 inserted between the initial zero and the next number. After April 16, callers using the old codes will be connected to a recorded announcement drawing attention to their error.

Yellow Pages was responding to a complaint from Callback Group, a rival equipment installer to BT, that the directories would be out of date.

Yellow Pages is unconcerned, however, claiming that the marketing of the new numbers will be identical to that carried out several years ago when the London area split into 071 and 081 numbers.

Yellow Pages said there would be a "nauseating" amount of publicity between now and next April and that the whole strategy had the approval of Oftel, the regulator of the telecoms industry.

Yellow Pages said that the experience with the 071-081 split was that after just a few days a very low number of consumers were being connected to the recorded announcement.

Yellow Pages was slightly more humble about another Callback complaint. The BT rival had not yet been sent the standard Phoneday brochure explaining to advertisers the procedure to be adopted for 1995 adverts.

"The brochures are supposed to be left with the customers by our reps," said Yellow Pages "and we will look into any complaints that they have not."

Goldman stake in Lauren

New York — A Goldman Sachs fund has bought a 28 per cent interest in Polo Ralph Lauren Corp for $135 million, according to the New York Times, making it the first outsider to gain a stake in the retail, clothing and home furnishings business.

The investment from Goldman Sachs's GS Capital Partners LP sets a value of $482.1 million for the Polo Ralph Lauren business, less than what many believe the private company is worth. Ralph Lauren founded the company and owns 90 per cent. Peter Strom, his business partner, owns the other 10 per cent.

Goldman's investment is expected to be used for advertising, marketing, financing new projects and expanding the retail portion of the company's business. (Reuter)

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☐ New complaints mechanism for Barclays ☐ Germans no longer love their banks ☐ Liberals miss tax target

Barclays banks on customers

☐ ALL OF a sudden, so it would seem, realisation has dawned on the UK clearers. It could be, in the wake of a plethora of critical press coverage during the recession, that the Big Four have finally worked matters out for themselves. Then again, perhaps the Governor has imparted a few words of wisdom, while partaking of the Earl Grey. But, as if struck by a thunderbolt, the clearers are acknowledging that they are suffering from what spin doctors describe as an image problem. Take away the spin and you are left with a quartet of, by and large, unpopular institutions.

Sir William Purves, chairman of the HSBC, set the scene earlier this month when he let it be known that he was "shocked" at the letters of complaint he had received regarding the quality of Midland's service. In his words: "You only have to read the papers to see the man in the street is unhappy with his bank." Sir William declared that many of the complaints were perfectly justified and the Midland needed to recover its reputation for good service which had been lost some years ago.

Now it would appear to be Barclays' turn, although neither chairman Andrew Buxton nor chief executive Martin Taylor are emulating Purves with the sackcloth and ashes. Barclays is understood to be on the verge of launching a "national complaints initiative" via its 2,100 branches embracing 7 million personal customers and some 750,000 small businesses.

Branch staff are under instructions not only to deal effectively with complaints — preferably within 24 hours — but to complete complaint action forms: one copy for the customer, the other for central collation. Chris Lendrum, deputy managing director of UK Banking Services, will spearhead the central monitoring operation. Complaint data, sensibly enough, is perceived as potential learning curve material.

The Third World debt fiasco, the UK property debacle and a high-handed approach to the plight of small businesses during the recession have combined to leave the Big Four (complaints are hardly confined to the Midland and Barclays) with much to prove. Profit recoveries reflect reduced bad debt provisions rather than genuine growth and the penny has dropped that retention of custom deserves a little more attention than might historically have been the case. Witness, on the brochure distributed to Barclays' branch employees, the message: "We're banking on you to keep customers." Something of a novel approach, the age-old adage, which served to comfort bankers, being that UK customers change their spouses more often than they change their bank accounts.

The uphill struggle for the Big Four will be to narrow the credibility gap which exists over loan and overdraft rates: in many instances more than double the 5¼ per cent base rate. That said, Barclays' initiative is welcome.

Angst reaches the Rhine

☐ GERMAN banks, it seems, could do with a touch of Barclays' new-found humility. Hilmar Kopper, chief executive of Deutsche Bank, recently claimed his bank could boost business by a quarter if only staff would bid clients good morning. Arrogance does not start at the counter, however, but at the top of institutions used to ruling the roost and taking credit for the dog-eared economic miracle.

Accident-prone banks and the tide of sleaze in German business, catalogued in *The Times* last week, are fast changing perceptions at home as well as abroad. A poll of ministers, civil servants and top managers, for the German magazine *Capital*, reveals a wellspring of resentment and disillusion with top banks among other elites.

Widespread charges that banks are hindering economic growth and making excessive profits are only too familiar. Indeed, they are virtually universal and were, in Germany, a prewar building block of anti-Semitism. They merely reveal that Germany's unique love-affair with its banks is over.

Allegations that banks are neglecting their supervisory duties on the boards of leading German companies, though hardly surprising in the wake of recent high-profile disasters, are more significant. The accusers could well change the way German industry operates. The poll shows strong support for curbing banks' influence: by limiting bankers directorships, by cutting voting rights on shares deposited with banks and by putting a ceiling on bank share stakes.

If bank control is no longer working, however, what would Germans put in its place? Britain's debate over corporate governance revealed a yen for the certainties and stability of the German model, even though it could not translate to Britain. As slogans go, "trust industry's future to NatWest and Barclays" was never a runner. Equally, Germans disillusioned with their banks are not likely to turn to the Anglo-Saxon hands-off takeover culture.

As banking, investment and markets all become more global and impersonal, the relations between industry and finance are becoming more fraught almost everywhere.

The rich cannot balance the books

☐ LIBERAL Democrats set too much store by the public sympathy for their 1992 election call to raise an extra penny on income tax to fund more education spending. Ever since, the party seems to have become convinced that sensible middle-class people are prepared to pay more tax if they think it is just, or the cause worthy. The political judgment is up to them, but such thinking tends to miss the point.

The critical fiscal issue is how to manage the economy, including the tax system, to reduce calls on public spending. The total tax burden is being ratcheted up by an ever-rising base level of unemployment and/or poverty throughout the economic cycle. Income tax contributes only a quarter of a tax burden rising, seemingly inexorably, towards 40 per cent of national income. That is indeed a burden, stifling economic growth instead of invigorating it. At the same time, the rising budget for poverty relief does not leave room for desirable improvements in public services that the Liberal Democrats want, along with most others.

This dilemma cannot be resolved by raising yet more tax, however the burden is distributed. A relatively few high-earners may be prepared to pay more of their income in tax, but even an extra £2 billion is not going to make much impact. The illusion that there exists serious unused taxable capacity is also dangerous, deflecting policy-makers from the main tax issue. Liberal Democrats, lacking Tory obsession with income tax rates, or Labour commitment to redistribution, should realise this.

Wheel missing

☐ HAVING to sell its Rover stake made Honda's first-quarter profits more respectable. The pre-tax return on real sales was only 1.8 per cent, reflecting travails at home. But BMW's coup leaves Honda's world strategy weak. Japan contributed 31 per cent of sales and North America 43 per cent, but Europe, the third main market, only 13 per cent. Honda needs to double that fast to put things right.

Price cut 'may hit Telegraph profit for five years'

By Sarah Bagnall

■ The cut in the cover price has restored circulation of the daily newspaper to above the one million mark but at the expense of falling revenues from circulation

THE Telegraph, the newspaper group, yesterday warned shareholders that it may take up to five years for profits to recover to levels achieved before the cut in *The Daily Telegraph*'s cover price in June.

The news came as the group revealed the first indications of the damage caused by the broadsheet circulation battle. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 were lower than expected and the group failed to increase its dividend payment.

The shares fell 14p, to 360p. The City had expected the interim dividend to be held at 5.5p, which is the first time it has not been raised since the company was floated two years ago.

Profits before tax and exceptional items rose from £28.1 million to £30.3 million, in spite of a £3.5 million fall in operating profits, to £20.3 million. The rise was achieved as a result of a leap in profits from associated companies, from £4.4 million to £11.8 million. The bulk of the increase came from Fairfax, the Australian publisher, with the balance of £760,000 resulting from a change in accounting policy.

Analysts were disappointed by the results, having forecast profits of between £34 million and £36 million.

Stephen Grabiner, managing director of The Telegraph, said: "The dividend has been held because of our confidence in the medium term. Things are going to get rough for the rest of 1994 and 1995." But he added that he thought it would be successful in "seeing" off competition from *The Times*.

He said the figures included only a week of the lower cover price for *The Daily Telegraph*, a price that reduced profits by £1 million. Profits were hit by a further £1 million because of discounted offers made before the price cut.

The City had factored in these costs, but there was surprise at an additional promotional spend of £8 million in the six months. Mr Grabiner said that this would not be repeated in the second half.

The additional promotional spend lifted operating costs in the six months, particularly in the second quarter. Conrad Black, chairman, said: "We have already identified some areas where costs can, and will be, reduced."

Cost-cutting, involving some job losses, will be complete by the end of the year. Mr Grabiner said newsprint prices "will be the only one of our costs of any significance that will go up next year".

The cut in the cover price has restored *The Daily Telegraph*'s circulation to above the million mark, but at the cost of falling circulation revenues. These fell by 5 per cent in the second quarter, mainly reflecting the discounted offers aimed at supporting sales.

Mr Black said: "There is no doubt that the severe effects of the cover price reduction in the Monday to Friday editions of the *The Daily Telegraph* will be reflected in the group results in the shorter term."

Advertising revenue grew by 18 per cent in the first quarter, but a second-quarter fall-off in financial advertising meant that revenues were 14 per cent up for the six months. The main engine for growth was continued strong recovery in classified advertising.

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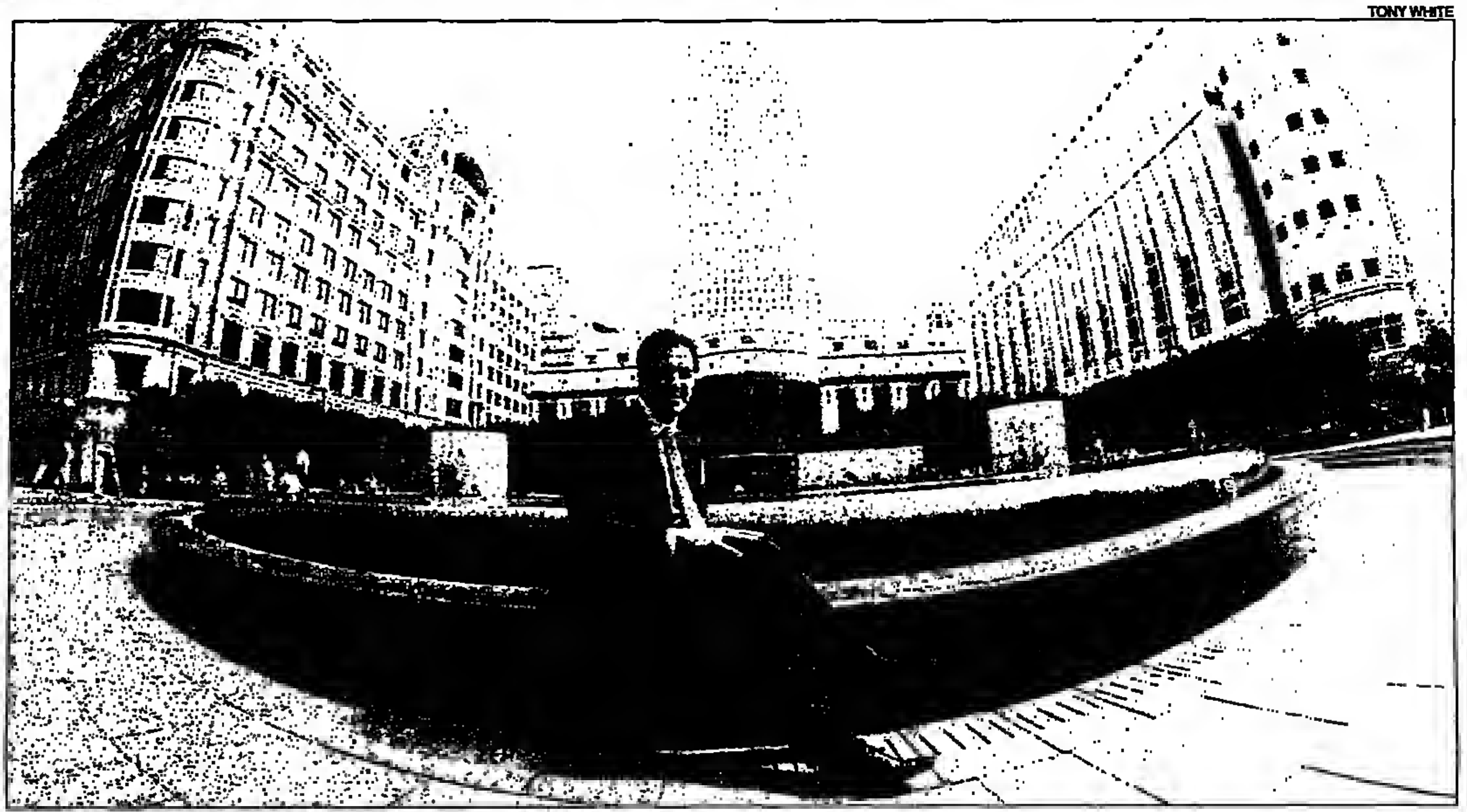

Stephen Grabiner, managing director of The Telegraph newspaper group, says "things are going to get rough for the rest of 1994 and 1995"

Sutcliffe Speakman executive departs

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editoa

THE managing director and chief executive of Sutcliffe Speakman, the environmental protection group, has been asked to leave, an apparent victim of a "new broom" approach adopted by the new chairman, who joined a month ago.

Richard Mumford, who had been with the business since a financial restructuring in 1991, has resigned "for personal reasons", a formal company statement said yesterday, warning shareholders of below-budget sales from the core UK carbons business.

Sources close to the company said that the decision to replace Mr Mumford had been taken by Ernest Tyerman, the chairman. He succeeded Frank Buckley, the architect of the financial reconstruction, and will act as temporary chief executive until a replacement can be found.

Mr Mumford had a salary of about £80,000, latest accounts suggest, and he is thought to have been on a one-year contract, so eventual compensation should be that figure, plus possible pension benefits. The company would not comment on any compensation package except to say that it would be "minimal".

Sutcliffe shares plunged 12p, to 35p, on the news, before recovering to close 7p down, at 40p. The company's broker, Smith New Court, cut pre-tax profit forecasts for the current year from £2 million to £1.8 million, although there was no reduction for 1995-96.

Sutcliffe in June reported a return to profit and proposed the first dividend payment for five years. Mr Tyerman said that the company would continue to focus on core activities, and that since publication of the accounts, trading had been broadly in line with expectations then, "with the exception of UK carbons, where sales are below budget". He added: "Immediate attention is being given to address this matter."

Body Shop quick to defend its image

By Susan Gilchrist

BODY Shop International yesterday moved swiftly to limit damage to its corporate image after reports that its franchise operations were the subject of a major investigation by the Federal Trade Commission in America.

The group, whose green credentials have been under fire in recent days, said the FTC had made only one request for information which it had subsequently supplied. In a terse statement, the Body Shop said: "We have heard nothing more for nine months. Any federal agency in the USA upon receiving a complaint — whatever the source — is forced to investigate."

The statement followed a report in yesterday's *Financial Times* which said an investigation by the FTC, centring on disputes between the company and its franchisees, was under way in America. The Body Shop said: "We have 65 franchisees in the USA who own 130 shops, and many of them are asking for more. This is hardly a franchise system in disarray."

Investors are, however, concerned about the impact of allegations due to be published next week in *Business Ethics*, a US magazine, which question the validity of the group's green policies.

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Institutional investors squeeze index back above 3,200

SHARE prices ended on a high note after climbing back above 3,200 to close at their highest since March.

Institutional investors squeezed prices higher in a market-place short of stock, encouraged by further support for utilities and a positive start to trading on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average opened more than 20 points higher in response to the latest durable goods orders figures.

This encouraged the FT-SE 100 index to stage a last-gasp assault on the 3,200 mark, ending 30.1 up at 3,205.2. Trading conditions were thin, with turnover of almost 700 million shares bolstered by a programme trade carried out by a leading securities house.

STOCK MARKET

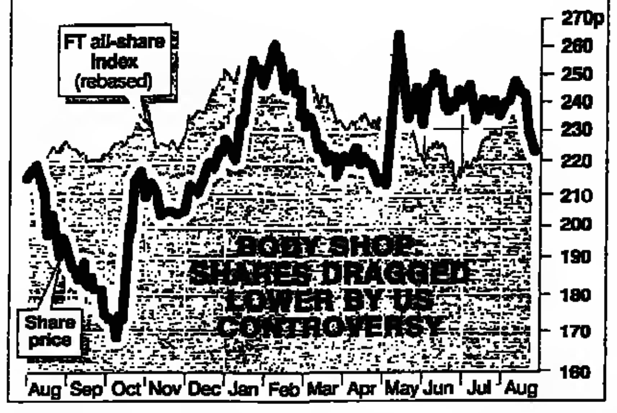
There seems to be no holding back the electricity distributors which enjoyed further strong gains as stock shortages squeezed prices higher. **Seeboard**, up 17p at 437p, prompted the latest wave of institutional support after buying back 2 million of its own shares at 425p.

There were also gains for **East Midland** 8p to 760p, **Eastern** 19p to 821p, **London** 20p to 726p, **Manweb** 20p to 830p, **Midlands** 10p to 794p, **Northern** 30p to 828p, **Norweb** 14p to 805p, **South Wales** 28p to 815p, **South West** 26p to 796p, **Southern** 25p to 792p, and **Yorkshire** 28p to 744p.

Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, has been telling clients that the distributors' current multiples do not reflect the value of their holdings in the National Grid, share buy-backs and corporate activity. Dividends are also set to rise by 7 per cent in real terms over the next few years. Greig Middleton, stockbroker, is also a buyer of the sector.

Among the leaders, **Courtaulds** dropped 9p to 518p with BZW believed to have taken a cautious stance on the shares.

Food retailers responded to signs of a recovery in consumer demand and margins with **Tesco** up 4p at 249p, **J. Sainsbury** 11p dearer at 447p, **Argyll** 8p better at 296p and **Asda** 2½p firmer at 66½p.



Shares of **Telegraph Group**, publisher of *The Daily* and *Sunday Telegraph*, fell 14p to 360p worried by sluggish advertising revenue and the failure to increase the dividend for the first time since going public.

The other newspaper publishers closed mixed with **Pearson** 5p better at 643p, **Mirror Group** 1p lighter at 145p and **United Newspapers** 3p easier at 545p.

WH Smith climbed 10p to 479p cheered by full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 13 per cent higher at £124.8 million. The closure of a number of Do-It-All stores, its joint venture with **Boots**, cost the group £41.4 million. Boots also added 10p at 562p.

Body Shop dropped 6p to 221p as the controversy surrounding its ethical policies and operations in the US deepened. Yesterday, the group confirmed reports that the US Federal Trade Commission had requested information regarding its US franchise operations. It was co-operating with the FTC and insisted there was no cause for alarm. Last week, a big US ethical fund turned seller of Body Shop, worried by imminent press reports about the group's environmental and social policies.

Sutcliffe Speakman, the chemicals specialist, touched 35p before ending the session 7p lower at 40p on learning of the departure of Richard Mumford, chief executive, "for personal reasons". Ernest Tyerman, chairman, will fill the role temporarily.

Speculation that a bid may be on the way after the death of Major George Webb, chairman of **The Investment Company**, lifted shares 8p to 45p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts recovered from a hesitant start initiated by the latest German inflation figures. Prices continued to trade in a narrow range and showed few signs of summoning the strength to break out. The September series of the Long Gilt ended £1/16 firmer at £100 27/32 in modest turnover which saw 39,000 contracts completed. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed a tick to £103 11/16, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was unchanged at £103⅝.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US shares extended their rally on a firm bond market and a drop in July durable goods orders. The Dow Jones industrial average was 23.63 points firmer at midday at 3,799.46.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5568 (+0.0033)
German mark .... 2.3993 (+0.0105)
Exchange index .... 78.9 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3205.2 (+30.1)
Dow Jones .... 3799.46 (+23.63)*
Nikkei Avg .... 20511.60 (+130.82)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5½-5⅜%
US Federal Funds 4⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.55-4.54%*
Long Bond 7.51%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5550*	£:$ 1.5531
$:DM .. 1.5436*	£:DM 2.3995
$:SWfr. 1.3015*	£:SWfr 2.0251
$:Ffr .. 5.2875*	£:Ffr 8.2300
$:Yen . 98.53*	£:Yen 153.22
£:SDR . 1.0579	£:ECU 1.2541

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 382.60 .... PM 383.90
Close 384.30-384.80
New York
Comex 384.55-385.05*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $16.20 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI . 144.0 Jul (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	17.81	16.31
Belgium Fr	52.45	48.05
Canada $	2.248	2.088
Cyprus Cyp£	0.786	0.716
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.44	7.74
France Fr	8.65	7.95
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.72	11.72
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2525.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	166.50	151.50
Malta	0.609	0.554
Netherlds Gld	2.833	2.603
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	255.50	237.00
S Africa Rd		6.50
Spain Pta	206.50	192.50
Sweden Kr	12.49	11.89
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	refer	47361.0
USA $	1.652	1.522

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Invesco starts long haul back with £18.7 million

By Robert Miller

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Henry Harris, chief financial officer, left, Charles Brady and Norman Riddell

INVESCO, the international fund management group which was almost closed down by Imro, the regulator, a year ago for breaching 55 rules, has begun the long haul back.

In spite of the ensuing bad publicity, Invesco yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £18.7 million in the first six months of the year, against £22.9 million. Funds under management fell by £1 billion to £42 billion, although Charles Brady, the group's chairman, said that much of the decline was due to currency conversion from US dollars to sterling. In dollar terms Invesco's funds under management remained static at $64 billion.

The interim dividend is raised to 1.25p from 1p. Mr Brady said this was "a reflection of our financial performance over the last six months and our improved confidence in the future."

In the US, where Invesco has £34 billion of funds under management, earnings fell slightly. In Europe, where the group is restructuring its business and cutting jobs, £6.3 billion is under management.

Norman Riddell, Invesco's chief executive officer (Europe), said that in the UK the group was in the process of rationalising its range of 32 unit trusts down to 21. Funds under management in the UK authorised unit trusts total £1.2 billion.

As part of the plans to reorganise and streamline its UK retail operation, Invesco also announced that it is to drop the Drayton name from its investment trusts. This year the group raised £28 million for its Invesco Japan Discovery trust. It has also changed the name of its £500 million City Merchants investment trust to Invesco Private Portfolio Management.

Commenting on the overall results, Mr Brady said: "We are working hard to establish a partnership between senior management and our shareholders. This structure highlights the benefits both receive from improved profit margins. To this end, we have increased the emphasis on cost reduction, whilst continuing to provide the highest quality of service to our clients."

Last night Invesco's share closed 11½p down at 172½p.

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Buy-back boost for Seeboard

By Our City Staff

NEWS of the first share buy-back from a regional electricity company since industry watchdog Offer's distribution review earlier this month sent prices in the whole sector sharply ahead and prompted favourable reactions from City analysts.

Seeboard gained 17p to 437p after it said it bought two million of its own ordinary shares at 425p on August 23. John Wilson, electricity analyst at UBS, said: "No one is selling and the price is rising because people are testing what level Seeboard is willing to go to."

Southern Electric rose 25p to 792p and Eastern Electricity added 19p to 821p. All 12 regional electricity companies now have the authority to buy back their own shares, although so far only Eastern has done so, and its purchases were early this year well ahead of this month's regulatory review.

Angelos Anastasiou, analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "These buy-backs were always going to be earnings-enhancing but people don't really take notice of these things until they see them happen."

Seeboard's purchase followed shareholders' agreement at the annual meeting for the group to buy for cancellation up to a maximum of 25.7 million ordinary shares.

WALL STREET

	Aug 24 midday	Aug 23 close
AMP Inc	73¾	73½
AMR Corp	57⅛	56⅝
AT & T	54	53⅞
Abbott Labs	30⅛	30
Aetna Life	50⅞	50¾
Ahmanson (HF)	21⅜	22¼
Air Prod & Chem	48⅝	47⅞
Albertson's	27½	27½
Alcan Alumnm	24	23¾
Alco Standard	63⅞	63¾
Allied Signal	36	35⅝
Alum Co of Am	77⅞	77¾
Amax Gold Inc	6⅝	6⅝
Amerada Hess	50⅛	49⅞
Amer Brands	35⅛	34⅞
Amer Cyanamid	96⅛	96⅛
Amer El Power	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Express	28	27⅞
Amer Genl Corp	28⅝	28⅜
Amer Home Pr	60	60⅛
Amer Intl	93⅜	92⅝
Amer Stores	24⅞	24⅝
Ameritech	40⅞	40⅝
Amoco	57⅝	58
Anheuser-Busch	52⅛	52⅞
Apple Computer	34⅝	35
Archer Daniels	24½	24¾
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	47⅞	48⅝
Asarco	28⅞	28⅝
Ashland Oil	37	36⅞
Atl Richfield	103	102⅝
Auto Data Pro	53	52⅞
Avery Dennison	34⅛	34⅝
Avon Products	59⅝	59⅞
Baker Hughes	19	18⅞
Baltim Gas & El	22⅝	22½
Banc One	34⅛	34⅛
BankAmerica	47⅝	48⅛
Bank of NY	32	32⅞
Bankers Tr NY	71⅛	71⅛
Barnett Banks	46⅛	46⅝
Bausch & Lomb	39⅞	39⅝
Baxter Ind	27⅝	27⅝
Bectn Dicknsn	43⅞	43⅜
Bell Atlantic	55⅞	54⅝
BellSouth	60⅝	59⅞
Black & Decker	21⅛	21⅛
Block (H&R)	42⅝	42⅞
Boeing	44½	44
Boise Cascade	26⅛	26⅛
Borden Inc	12	11⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	57⅞
Browning Ferris	31	31⅛
Brunswick	21⅞	22
Burlingtn Nthn	49⅛	48⅝
CBS	316½	314
CNA Financial	61⅞	61⅞
CPC Intl	53⅛	53⅞
CSX	74⅛	74⅛
Campbell Soup	39⅝	39⅞
Can Pacific	17	17
Cptl Cities ABC	79⅝	79⅝
Carolina Pwr	26⅝	26
Caterpillar	112	111⅛
Central & SW	21⅛	21⅛
Champion Intl	33⅞	33⅞
Chase Manhat	36⅝	36⅝
Chemical Bk	39⅛	39⅞
Chevron Corp	42½	42½
Chrysler	47⅞	47½
Chubb Corp	71⅛	72⅞
Cigna Corp	66⅛	66⅛
Citicorp	44⅛	44⅛
Clorox	50⅞	50⅞
Coastal Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Coca Cola	48⅛	48⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅛	56⅞
Columbia Gas	26⅞	27⅛
Commonw Ed	22⅛	22⅛
Compaq Comp	36⅛	36½
Comp Ass Int	38½	38
Conagra	32⅞	32½
Cons Edison	27⅛	27⅛
Cons Nat Gas	40⅞	40
Cons Rail	53⅞	53⅛
Cooper Inds	38⅞	38⅞
Corning Inc	30⅛	30
Crown Cork	35⅞	34⅞
Dana Corp	28⅛	28⅞
Dayton Hudson	85⅞	85⅞
Deere	69⅞	69½
Delta Air Lines	48⅞	48⅛
Deluxe Corp	29⅝	29⅛
Detroit Edison	27	27⅛
Digital Equip	23	22⅝
Dillard Dept St	27⅝	27⅛
Disney (Walt)	42⅛	42⅝
Dominion Res	37⅛	38
Donelley (RR)	28⅛	28
Dover Corp	56⅛	56⅝
Dow Chemical	68⅛	68⅝
Dow Jones	51⅛	51⅛
Dresser	19⅞	19⅞
Duke Power	37⅞	37⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅛	57
Du Pont	58⅛	58⅝
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	48⅞
Eaton Corp	49⅛	48⅝
Emerson Elec	62⅝	62⅞

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Engelhard Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Enron Corp	30	30⅞
Entergy	25⅛	25
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	59⅛	58⅞
FMC Corp	57	56⅛
FPL Group	31⅛	31
Federal Express	71	69⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	89	88⅞
First Chicago	50	50
First Interstate	78⅞	79⅞
First Union Rlty	6⅛	6⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	40⅞	39⅞
Fluor Corp	52⅞	52
Ford Motor	28⅞	29½
GTE Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Gannett	50⅞	49⅞
Gap Inc Del	43⅞	43⅞
Gen Dynamics	44⅛	43⅛
Gen Electric	48⅞	48⅞
Gen Mills	52⅞	55
Gen Motors	49	48⅛
Gen Reinsurance	109	109
Gen Signal	35⅞	35⅛
Genuine Parts	35⅞	35
Georgia Pac	68⅞	67⅞
Gillette	71⅛	72⅛
Glaxo ADR	20⅞	20
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	34⅛	33⅞
Grace (WR)	39⅞	39⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20⅞	20⅞
Great Wstn Fin	20⅞	20⅛
Halliburton	29⅞	29½
Harcourt General	32⅞	32⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	37⅛
Hercules	105⅞	103½
Hershey Foods	47⅛	47⅛
Hewlett Packard	88	87⅛
Hilton Hotels	59⅞	59
Home Depot	45⅛	45
Homestake Mng	18⅛	17⅞
Honeywell	33⅛	33⅛
Household Intl	38⅛	38⅞
Houston Inds	33⅞	34
Humana	20⅞	20⅞
ITT Corp	85⅞	83⅞
Illinois Tool	42⅞	42⅞
Illinova	20⅞	20⅛
INCO	27⅛	26⅛
Ingersoll Rand	36	35⅞
Inland Steel	37½	37⅞
Intel Corp	64⅛	64⅛
IBM	66⅞	67⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42⅞
Intl Paper	73	71⅛
James River Va	20⅛	20⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48⅛	48⅛
Kellogg	56⅛	56½
Kerr-McGee	47⅛	47⅛
Kimberly-Clark	58⅞	58⅛
Kmart	17⅛	17⅛
Knight-Ridder	52⅞	52⅞
Lilly (Eli)	55⅞	55⅞
Limited Inc	19⅛	19⅞
LIN Brdcstng	128⅞	128⅞
Lincoln Nat	37⅞	37⅞
Litton	37⅞	37⅞
Liz Claiborne	20⅞	20⅞
Lockheed	64⅛	63⅞
Louisiana Pac	32⅞	31½
MCI Comm	23	23
Marriott Int	28⅞	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	85⅞	84⅞
Masco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
May Dept St	40⅞	40⅞
Maytag Corp	18⅛	18⅞
McCaw Cellular	52⅞	52⅞
McDonalds	28⅞	28⅞
McDonnell D	115	114⅛
McGraw Hill	68⅛	68½
Mead Corp	47⅛	46⅞
Medtronic	96⅛	96½
Mellon Bk	58⅞	58⅞
Melville Corp	38⅛	37⅞
Merck Inc	33⅛	33⅛
Merrill Lynch	37⅞	37⅞
Minnesota Mine	55⅞	55
Mobil Corp	81⅛	81⅛
Monsanto	83⅛	83⅞
Morgan (JP)	63⅞	63⅛
Motorola Inc	53⅛	52⅞
Natl Medical	18	18½
Natl Semi	18⅞	18⅞
Natl Service Ind	27⅛	27⅛
Navistar Int	16⅛	16⅛
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	31⅛
NY Times A	24⅛	24⅛
Newmont Mng	41	40⅛
Niag Mohawk	15⅛	15⅛
Nike B	66⅞	65⅛
NL Industries	10	10⅛
Noram Energy	6⅛	6
Nordstrom	45⅞	45⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	61⅛	60⅞
Nthn State Pwr	42⅛	42⅞
Norwest Corp	26⅞	26⅛
Nynex Corp	38	37⅞
Occidental Pet	21	20⅞
Ohio Edison	18⅞	18⅞

	Aug 24 midday	Aug 23 close
Oracle Systems	40⅞	39⅞
Oryx Energy Co	14⅛	14⅛
Owens Corning	35⅛	35
PNC Financial	27⅞	27⅛
PPG Industries	39⅛	39⅞
Paccar Inc	48⅛	48½
Pacificorp	17⅛	17⅛
Pac Enterprises	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	23⅞	24
Pac Telesis	31⅛	31⅞
Pall Corp	16⅞	16⅞
Panhandle East	22⅞	21⅞
Parker Hannifin	40⅞	41
Peco Energy	27⅞	27⅛
Penney (JC)	50	49⅞
Pennzoil	51⅞	51⅛
Pepsico	34⅞	34
Pfizer	68⅞	68⅞
Phelps Dodge	59⅞	59⅞
Philip Morris	57⅞	59⅞
Phillips Pet	32⅞	32⅞
Pitney Bowes	37	36⅞
Polaroid	34	33⅞
PriceCostco	14⅞	14⅞
Procter & Gmbl	57	57⅞
Pub Serv E & G	27⅞	27⅞
Quaker Oats	82⅞	83
Ralston Purina	41⅛	41
Raychem Corp	40⅛	40⅞
Raytheon	65⅞	65⅞
Reebok Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Reynolds Metals	50⅞	49⅞
Roadway Srvcs	61⅛	61⅛
Rockwell Intl	34	33⅞
Rohm & Haas	60⅞	61
Royal Dutch	110⅞	109⅞
Rubbermaid	27⅛	27⅛
Safeco Corp	53⅞	53⅞
St Paul's Cos	43⅞	43⅞
Salomon Inc	42⅞	43⅞
Santa Fe Pac	19⅞	19⅛
Sara Lee Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Scecorp	13⅞	13⅛
Schering Plough	69⅞	69⅞
Schlumberger	57⅛	56⅞
Scott Paper	61⅛	61⅛
Seagram	30⅞	30⅞
Sears Roebuck	46⅛	46⅛
Shell Trans	67⅛	66⅞
Sherwin Wllms	32⅞	32⅞
Skyline Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Snap-On-Tools	36⅛	36
Southern Co	18⅞	18⅞
Sthwestern Bell	42⅛	41⅞
Sprint Corp	39⅛	38⅞
Stanley Works	40⅞	40⅞
Sun Company	27½	27⅞
Sun Microsys	24⅛	25
Suntrust	49⅞	49
Supervalu	29	28⅞
Syntex Corp	23⅛	23⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅞	24⅞
TRW Inc	71½	71⅛
TCC Indc	3	3
Tandem Comp	15⅛	15⅛
Tandy Corp	40⅞	39⅞
Teledyne	17⅛	17⅞
Temple Inland	50⅞	50⅞
Tenneco	47⅛	46⅞
Texaco	61⅛	61⅛
Texas Inst	80⅞	81
Texas Utilities	32⅞	32⅞
Textron	52⅞	53
Time Warner	37⅞	37⅛
Times-Mirror	32⅞	32⅞
Timken	38⅞	37⅞
Torchmark	40½	40⅞
Toys R Us	37	36⅞
Transamerica	52⅞	51⅛
Travelers	36⅛	35⅞
Tribune	53⅞	52⅞
Tyco Labs	44⅛	44⅛
UST Inc	30⅞	30⅞
UAL	101	101
USX Marathon	17⅞	17⅛
Unilever NV	113⅞	113½
Union Camp	48	47⅞
Union Carbide	31⅛	31⅛
Union Pacific	57	56⅛
Unisys Corp	10⅛	9⅞
USAir Group	6⅛	6⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅞	13⅞
US Life	35⅞	35⅞
US West	39½	39⅞
United Tech	61⅛	61⅛
Unocal Corp	27⅞	27
Upjohn	35	35⅛
VF Corp	50⅞	50
WMX Tech	29⅞	29⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅞	24
Warner-Lambert	79	79⅞
Wells Fargo	159⅞	159⅞
Westinghouse El	13	12⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅛	40⅞
Whirlpool	50⅞	50⅞
Whitman	17⅞	17⅛
Winn Dixie	51⅛	51⅛
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42⅞	42⅞
Xerox	107	106⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Aromascan	92	-4
Ball Giff Shn Npn Wts	81	...
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	47	...
Carnell (18)	33	-1
Chamberlain Phipps (165)	170	...
Copyright Prmtns (120)	125	+2
Emrg Mkts Country	53	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	68	...
INVESCO Japan Disc	92	...

INVESCO Japan Disc Wts	47½	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	66	-1
Magnum Power	38	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	91¼	+¼
Old Mutual SA Wts	41	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	159	...
Suter Wts 99/04	41	+2

TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sh (100)	105	+2
Tops Estates Wts	30	...
VideoLogic	39	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1	-½
Gibbs Mew n/p (340)	47	...
Hartstone n/p (15)	½	-¼
Raglan Properties n/p (32)	1½	-½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
HSBC .... 718p (+8p)
Greene King .... 519p (+13p)
Parity .... 129p (+12p)
J Halstead .... 381p (+16p)
Zeneca .... 848p (+17p)
Boots .... 563p (+11p)
BT .... 387p (+9p)
Dalgety .... 475p (+11p)
Kwik Save .... 612p (+10p)
Broken Hill .... 932p (+10p)
Pearson .... 647p (+9p)
BAT .... 432p (+10p)
J Sainsbury .... 447p (+11p)

FALLS:
RMC Group .... 957p (-10p)
Courtaulds .... 518p (-9p)
Body Shop .... 219p (-8p)
Birkby .... 264p (-9p)
IMI .... 336p (-9p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	29,000	Caradon	1,300	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	3,200	Carlton Cms	1,600	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Sears	4,200
Alld-Lyons	2,400	Coats Vyla	1,000	MEPC	243	Svrn Trent	1,000
Argyll Gp	9,700	Cm Union	1,500	Marks Spr	5,500	Shell Trans	5,800
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Courtaulds	2,500	NFC	3,300	Siebe	931
AB Foods	448	De La Rue	1,200	NatWst Bk	4,500	SmKl Bch	4,800
BAA	1,300	Eastern Elec	3,200	Nat Power	5,700	Smith Nph	4,900
BAT Inds	3,300	Enterpr Oil	970	Nth Wst W	1,400	Sthern Elec	2,500
BOC	497	Forte	4,500	P & O	1,600	Std Chard	2,700
BP	8,300	GKN	540	Pearson	887	Sun Allnce	2,100
BTR	4,400	GRE	1,500	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	273
BT	11,000	GUS	940	Prudential	3,900	TSB	2,100
Bk of Scot	2,100	Gen Acc	917	RMC	640	Tesco	5,100
Barclays	3,000	Gen Elec	4,700	RTZ	1,300	Thames W	1,200
Bass	2,200	Glaxo	7,900	Rank Org	4,200	Thrn EMI	1,800
Blue Circle	2,600	Granada	4,000	Reckitt Col	418	Tomkins	4,700
Boots	2,600	Grand Met	4,400	Redland	1,300	Unilever	2,100
Bowater	1,600	Guinness	10,000	Reed Intl	727	Utd Bisc	884
Brit Aero	1,100	HSBC	2,000	Rentokil	1,700	Vodafone	6,200
Brit Airwys	7,000	Hanson	11,000	Reuters	2,000	Warburg (SG)	243
Brit Gas	5,600	ICI	1,300	Rolls Royce	2,900	Wellcome	2,800
Brit Steel	8,400	Inchcape	518	Ryl Ins	3,500	Whitbread	1,100
Burmah Cstl	254	Kingfisher	757	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Wlms Hld	758
Cable Wire	5,000	Ladbroke	4,700	Sainsbury	1,500	Wolseley	501
Cadbury	2,100	Land Secs	2,000	Scot & New	1,500	Zeneca	4,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3799.46 (+23.63)
S&P Composite .... 466.06 (+1.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20511.60 (+130.82)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9238.69 (+4.63)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 414.04 (+3.21)

Sydney: AO .... 2061.1 (+9.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2126.37 (+18.50)

FT 30 share: .... 2507.5 (+17.8)

Brussels:
General .... 7555.16 (+40.82)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2006.29 (+5.66)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 653.40 (+2.00)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1604.14 (+11.72)
FT Non Financials .... 1744.39 (+13.54)
FT Gold Mines .... 242.0 (-1.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.85 (+0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.27 (+0.01)
Bargains 29394
SEAQ Volume 701.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 159.56 (+0.28)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 22	September 9	November 24	December 8

Call options were taken out on 24/8/94: Aran Energy, Canadian Pizza, Division Group, Grand Central, Tadpole Technology.
Puts: Whitbread, Yorkshire TV Wts.
Puts & Calls: Hillsdown, Tarmac.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 61529	Sep 94	3198.0	3230.0	3186.0	3224.0	12045
	Dec 94	3208.0	3236.5	3206.5	3237.5	1373
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 541548	Sep 94	94.28	94.28	94.26	94.26	6167
	Dec 94	93.37	93.36	93.33	93.36	12273
	Mar 95	92.68	92.68	92.62	92.66	5237
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 6669	Sep 94	94.92	94.92	94.92	94.93	183
	Dec 94	94.24	94.24	94.24	94.27	98
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 779462	Sep 94	95.03	95.03	95.00	95.01	12594
	Dec 94	94.85	94.85	94.80	94.82	24563
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 113101	Sep 94	100-25	101-01	100-15	100-27	39656
	Dec 94	100-07	100-15	99-31	100-10	4565
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.25	108.34	108.24	108.35	159
	Dec 94	107.28	107.35	107.23	107.35	1575
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 169960	Sep 94	91.33	91.60	91.18	91.37	115272
	Dec 94	90.45	90.71	90.30	90.53	10994
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 76	Sep 94				96.94	0
	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 24508	Sep 94	93.90	93.95	93.87	93.95	1597
	Dec 94	93.45	93.46	93.42	93.45	557
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 52600	Sep 94	95.59	95.61	95.58	95.59	1876
	Dec 94	95.32	95.36	95.27	95.32	1654
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 92830	Sep 94	98.16	99.44	98.12	99.00	53888
	Dec 94	96.57	97.77	96.57	97.33	5865

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 78.9 (day's range 78.7-78.9).

Mkt Rates for Aug 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6834-2.6976	2.6937-2.6971	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	49.27-49.55	49.45-49.55	par-3ds	1-8ds
Copenhagen	9.4790-9.5280	9.5140-9.5280	⅜-1⅛ds	2¼-3¼ds
Dublin	1.0110-1.0145	1.0115-1.0143	4-7ds	19-26ds
Frankfurt	2.3903-2.4022	2.3979-2.4011	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Lisbon	244.60-246.02	245.38-246.02	128-141ds	371-408ds
Madrid	199.60-200.34	199.69-199.98	41-50ds	123-142ds
Milan	2435.50-2444.20	2440.20-2444.20	5-7ds	19-22ds
Montreal	2.1317-2.1412	2.1317-2.1347	0.00-0.08ds	0.00-0.11ds
New York	1.5510-1.5566	1.5526-1.5536	0.04-0.02pr	0.20-0.17pr
Oslo	10.5210-10.5640	10.5480-10.5640	¼-½ds	1½-2ds
Paris	8.1960-8.2370	8.2230-8.2370	½-⅞ds	⅛-⅝ds
Stockholm	11.8430-11.9190	11.8530-11.8770	2¼-3ds	7⅜-8⅝ds
Tokyo	152.70-153.35	153.08-153.35	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.82-16.89	16.83-16.86	⅞-⅛pr	3⅛-1⅞pr
Zurich	2.0144-2.0266	2.0236-2.0266	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5504-1.5530
Australia dollar	2.0954-2.0975
Bahrain dinar	0.5790-0.5910
Brazil real*	1.3719-1.3760
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland markka	7.7645-7.8805
Greece drachma	359.00-365.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.9993-12.0047
India rupee	48.21-49.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4560-0.4660
Malaysia ringgit	3.9588-3.9629
Mexico peso	5.13-5.23
New Zealand dollar	2.5759-2.5789
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7545-5.8805
Singapore dollar	2.3321-2.3351
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0533-7.1046
S Africa rand (com)	5.5587-5.5671
U A E dirham	5.6380-5.7620

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

Australia	1.3493-1.3502
Austria	10.85-10.86
Belgium (Com)	31.79-31.83
Canada	1.3745-1.3755
Denmark	6.1203-6.1223
France	5.2840-5.2870
Germany	1.5417-1.5422
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.5324-1.5344
Italy	1566.00-1567.00
Japan	98.44-98.49
Malaysia	2.5480-2.5490
Netherlands	1.7309-1.7314
Norway	6.7813-6.7833
Portugal	157.72-157.82
Singapore	1.5007-1.5017
Spain	128.65-128.70
Sweden	7.6228-7.6303
Switzerland	1.3000-1.3010

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 3 Week fixed: 4¹⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅜; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4⅞-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5³⁄₁₆	5⅜-5⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	
Sterling Money Rates:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⅜	6-5⅞	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⅜	6-5⅞	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆
Overnight: open 5, close 2.					
Local Authority Deps:	4⅞	n/a	5½	5⅞	6¼
Sterling CDs:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⁵⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½
Dollar CDs:	4.72	n/a	4.85	5.19	5.72
Building Society CDs:	4⅞-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⅜	6-5⅞	6⅝-6½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994 Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50 %. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246 %.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅝-4½	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	4½-3½
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¼-4½
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4¼-4	4⅛-4	4¼-4⅛	4½-4⅜	4½-3½
Yen:	2⅛-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2⅛-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2½-1½

Bullion: Open $381.40-381.80 Close: $384.30-384.80 High: $384.60-385.10
Low: $380.50-381.00 Krugerrand: $388.00-390.00 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.50-92.50 (£58.00-60.00) New $90.50-92.50 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $410.75 (£264.50) Silver: $5.27 (£3.385) Palladium: $152.25 (£98.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	589	45½	—	—	8	—	—
(*619½)	638	17	—	—	31	—	—
Argyll	280	26½	32½	39½	7	14	18
(*296)	300	14½	21	29½	16	24	28½
ASDA	60	9	11½	12	2	3½	5
(*66½)	70	4	6	7	7	8½	10
Boots	550	31	42½	54½	13½	24	31
(*563)	600	10½	20½	32	43½	52	58½
Br Airways	390	30	39½	50	10	18	24
(*406½)	420	14½	25	35	25½	33½	39
BP	390	33	41	47½	7	14	18
(*412)	420	13½	24½	32	19½	27½	32½
Br Steel	140	19	22½	26½	2½	5	7½
(*155)	160	6½	11	15½	10	15½	16
C & W	460	26	38	48½	18	28	34½
(*463½)	500	10	21	31½	43½	51½	57
CU	550	26	42½	49	17½	24	35½
(*554½)	600	7½	20½	26½	51½	54½	67
ICI	800	55½	75½	89½	13½	26	40½
(*832)	850	26½	47½	60	36½	50	66
Kingfishr	500	43½	58	69	12	19	24½
(*532)	550	16	31	43	36	43½	48½
Land Sec	600	59½	65½	76	3½	9½	12½
(*648½)	650	22½	37	45½	18½	29	32
M & S	420	25	34	43	8½	16½	20½
(*432½)	460	7	13	24	32	38	42
Nat West	460	36½	50	57½	10½	17½	28½
(*482)	500	15½	28	37	29½	36½	50
Sainsbury	420	38	47	56½	7½	18	22½
(*445)	460	15½	26	35½	27½	37	42
Shell	700	36	49½	59	12½	20½	32
(*727½)	750	9½	24½	32½	43	49½	59½
Smkl Bch	420	37½	47	54½	9	16½	22½
(*444½)	460	15½	25	33½	28½	36½	43½
Storehse	200	21½	25½	29	3½	7	10½
(*214½)	220	8½	13½	18	12½	16	20½
Trafalgar	90	7½	10½	14	6	9½	12
(*90)	100	3½	7	9½	13	16	18
Unilever	1100	56½	76½	93	18	29½	44½
(*1130½)	1150	28½	49½	65	45½	53½	69
Zeneca	800	56½	74	87	12½	22½	37
(*847½)	850	24½	45½	58½	34½	45	61½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	40	45	53	11	19½	24½
(*443)	460	17	24	33½	30	40	45
Ladbroke	160	17½	23	27½	8	11½	14½
(*168)	180	8	14	18½	21	23½	26
Utd Bisc	330	25½	32	37	13	17½	25½
(*343)	360	11	18½	23½	30	34	43

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	500	27	35½	46	13	17½	22
(*512)	525	13½	22½	31½	25	30½	34
Thames W	500	58½	64½	71½	4½	12	16½
(*548½)	550	25	34	42	20½	32	37½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	30½	42½	49	15	21	30
(*430)	460	13	23½	29½	38½	44	54
BTR	360	31	38	42	9	15	19
(*384½)	390	14	21	26½	24	28	34½
Br Aero	460	54½	68	74½	18½	28	34
(*494)	500	30	47	55	36½	48½	54½
Br Telcm	360	37	41	46	5½	11	14
(*386½)	390	17½	23	30	16½	25	27½
Cadbury	460	27½	39	44	15½	20½	29½
(*472½)	500	10½	20	26	40	44	51
Guinness	460	35	45	51	12	17	24½
(*482)	500	15	24½	30	34	39½	46
GEC	300	17	21	26½	12	16	18½
(*301)	330	5½	9	13½	32	35	36½
Hanson	240	20½	24½	27½	6	10½	13½
(*255½)	260	8½	14	18	15½	20½	22½
LASMO	134	25½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*153)	154	12½	—	—	10	—	—
Lucas	180	18	22	25½	8½	12½	15½
(*190½)	200	8	12½	16½	20½	24	27
Pilkngtn	180	20½	23	27½	5½	9	11½
(*192)	200	8½	12	17	15	19½	22
Prudential	300	32	37½	42	6½	11	17½
(*325)	330	14½	21	26	20½	24½	33
Redland	500	36	48½	54	18	25½	36½
(*519)	550	14	26½	31	50	55	67½
Royal Ins	280	27	35	40	13	16½	22½
(*290½)	300	16	25	30	24	25	32½
Tesco	240	18½	25	29	10½	14½	18
(*248½)	260	9	15½	19½	21½	25	29
Vodafone	200	15	19½	24	10	14	16½
(*202½)	217	7	12	—	20	23½	—
Williams	325	32½	—	—	6	—	—
(*352)	354	14½	—	—	18½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3203)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Sep	138	96	61	36	18	6
Oct	158	122	93	67	47	32
Nov	181	146	117	90	69	51
Dec	202	169	139	111	89	68
Jun	296	—	237	—	187	—
Puts						
Sep	12	21	37	64	100	149
Oct	38	52	73	97	128	165
Nov	52	67	89	113	142	176
Dec	68	55	105	128	157	187
Jun	129	—	169	—	219	—

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17	30	38	9	16½	25½
(*397)	420	5½	16	23½	29	33½	43
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6	1½	3	4
(*32)	35	1½	3	4	4½	6	7
Barclays	550	31	49½	60½	7½	17½	27½
(*571)	600	8½	24	34½	35	44½	54½
Blue Circ	300	14	25	33½	9	16½	23
(*306½)	330	3	12	20½	31½	35½	41
Br Gas	300	11½	17½	22	7½	17½	18
(*302½)	330	2	7½	11½	30	36½	40
Dixons	200	14½	23	26½	5	11	15½
(*207½)	220	5	13½	17	16½	22	27
Forte	240	14	19	26	6	13	16½
(*246)	260	5	10½	16½	17½	25	28
Hillsdwn	180	9½	15½	21½	5½	9½	12
(*185)	200	3	6½	12½	18	22½	24
Lonrho	130	10½	16	19	4½	7½	11
(*135½)	140	5	11	14	9	13	16
Sears	110	9	11½	14½	2½	4½	6½
(*116)	120	3½	6	9	7	9	12
Thm Emi	1000	58½	89	100	11½	28	43½
(*1041)	1050	27½	59½	72½	32	50½	66½
Tomkins	240	9	17½	22½	8	14	18
(*240)	260	3	9	13½	23	26½	30
TSB	200	18½	25	28½	2½	6½	11
(*214)	220	6	13½	17½	11½	16	21
Wellcome	700	40½	65	85	17½	34	46
(*720)	750	16½	40	59	45½	61	71
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	650	27½	44½	59½	30½	52½	61½
(*651½)	700	10½	25	36½	76½	86	96
HSBC	700	47	73½	90½	31½	51½	73½
(*717½)	750	24½	53½	64	63	79½	102½
Reuter	500	20	40½	51	19½	29	36½
(*503)	512	19½	—	—	26½	—	—
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	200	13	15½	22½	13	17	21
(*200)	220	5½	11	14	27	30	33
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	14½	17½	19½	2½	7	9½
(*150½)	160	3½	7	10½	13	18½	21
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elc	800	63	77½	91	32	42½	51½
(*820½)	850	39	53	66	59	68	76½
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	500	22	36	47½	14	26½	30
(*506½)	550	4	15½	28½	47	56½	59
Scot Pwr	420	17	32	36½	14½	23	29½
(*420)	460	5	16	19½	44	48	52

August 24, 1994 Tot: 25209 Calls: 17793 Puts: 3416 FT-SE Calls: 2938 Puts: 1453
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee in London was volatile, stretching up to a high of $3650 (Nov) before easing back to end unchanged. Technically, much still depends on whether the New York Dec contract can break $2.00. Fundamentally, any major rainfall in Brazil will result in a downward move, and although precipitation was reported in parts of the country, nothing emerged suggesting the major growing regions benefited.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1021-1020	Dec	1119-1117
Dec	1052-1051	Mar	1125-1121
Mar	1076-1075	May	1143-1140
May	1087-1086	Jul	1170-1150
Jul	1096-1094		
Sep	1107-1105		Volume: 7719

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3640-3630	May	3465-3460
Nov	3580-3575	Jul	3440-3400
Jan	3535-3530	Sep	3450-3410
Mar	3495-3490		Volume: 3716

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	unq
Spot: 306.70		Jul	
Oct	12.15-12.35	Oct	
Jan	unq	Jan	
Mar	12.12-12.24		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	318.8-17.5
Spot: 346.70		Aug	320.3-18.6
Oct	321.0-22.0	Oct	306.7-05.0
Dec	319.4-15.2	Dec	305.0-03.0
Mar	315.3-17.9		Volume: 552

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	78.49	90.32	117.24
(+/-)	+0.05	+1.82	-3.11
Eng/Wales:	78.40	91.03	115.93
(+/-)	-0.69	+2.16	-2.85
(%)	+9.0	+5.0	+6.0
Scotland:	79.12	87.00	121.22
(+/-)	+4.66	-0.11	-3.77
(%)	-5.0	-2.0	+3.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

Open	Close	Open	Close
			Volume

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.40
Nov	104.85
Jan	107.00
Mar	108.60
May	110.95
Volume:	381

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.00
Nov	104.90
Jan	106.25
Mar	108.70
May	110.15
Volume:	15

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	
Jan	
Mar	
May	
Volume:	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	209.0	213.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 177

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 72.75-73.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Renewed buying interest from European refiners helped the market to recover.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.70	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.00	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.20	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.35	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.45	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (-2)	198 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	149 (-2)	151 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	150 (+2)	151 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	151 (+1)	152 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (-1)
Naphtha	155 (n/c)	157 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	148.75-49.00	Dec	155.75-56.00
Oct	151.75-52.00	Jan	157.75-58.00
Nov	154.00-54.50	Feb	158.25 SLR
			Vol: 14585

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	16.18-16.20	Jan	16.26-16.32
Nov	16.25-16.28	Feb	16.24 BID
Dec	16.30-16.34		Vol: 18829

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	167.00-79.00	Dec	unq
Oct	unq	Jan	
Nov			Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1485	1469	1478
Sep 94	1405	1395	1400
Oct 94	1415	1395	1400
Jan 95	1430	1400	1407

Vol: 212 lots Open int'st: unq Index 1494 -9

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2397.0-2397.5	2406.5-2407.0	1024850
Lead ($/tonne)	571.50-572.00	589.00-589.50	183775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	945.00-945.50	969.00-969.50	482525
Tin ($/tonne)	5195.0-5205.0	5275.0-5280.0	25015
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1480.0-1481.0	1511.0-1512.0	962775
Nickel ($/tonne)	5554.0-5855.0	5935.0-5940.0	71094

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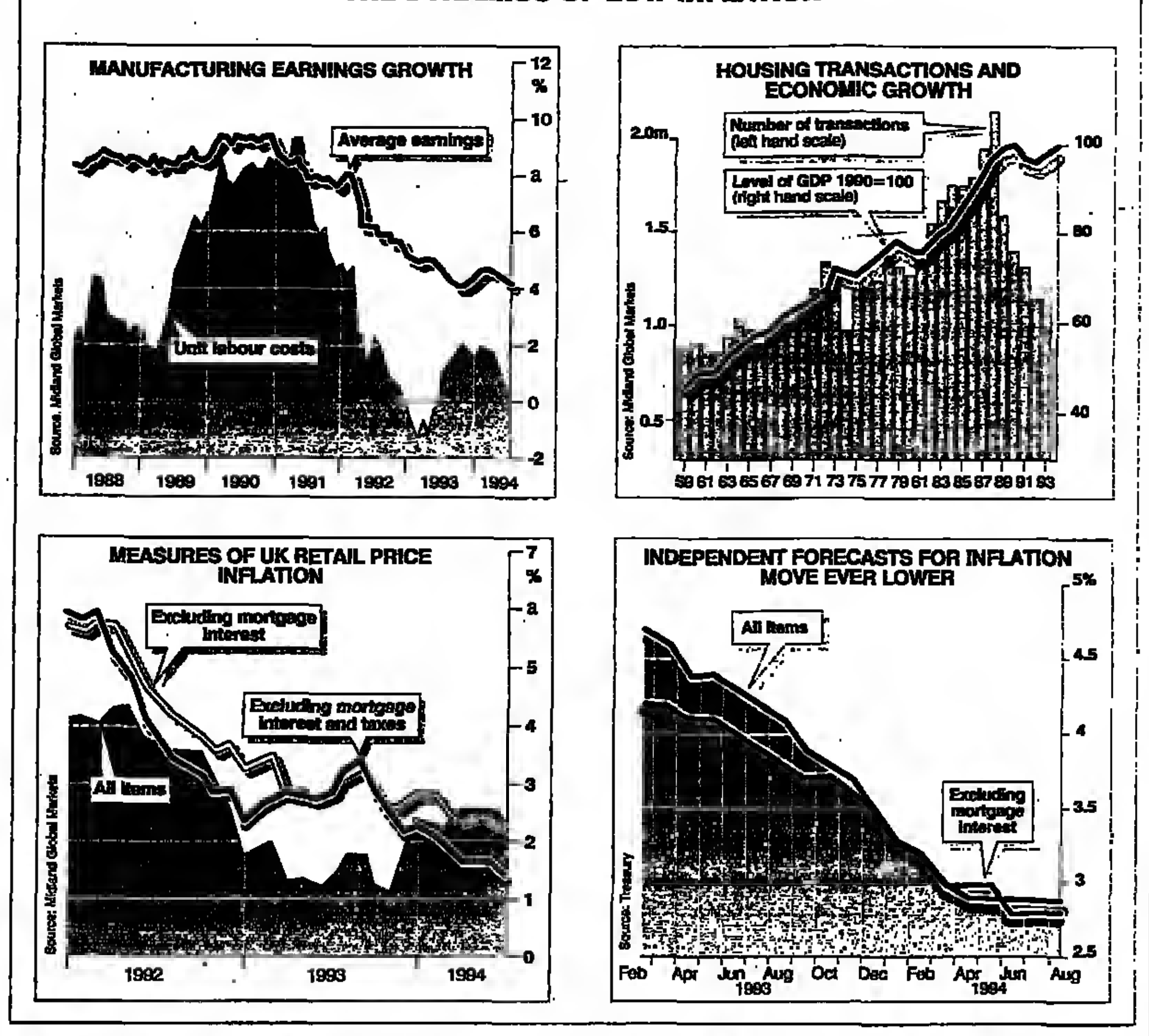
ECONOMIC VIEW

Inflation obsession blinds policymakers to other ills

Janet Bush believes that the powerful combination of deflationary forces at work in the economy are probably being underestimated



THE DYNAMICS OF LOW INFLATION

Government ministers have become fond of talking about the current prospect of growth and very low inflation as the best "*for* a generation". But it is precisely because this generation has not experienced such economic circumstances that policymakers should be wary.

They are in danger of making two mistakes. The first is that they wrongly identify inflation as the chief threat to the golden scenario. The Treasury and the Bank of England both confess to an obsession with avoiding the policy mistakes that ignited the inflationary boom of the late 1980s. It is this fixation that means they are probably underestimating the powerful combination of deflationary forces at work in the economy.

The second mistake is to regard zero inflation as an unequivocal good. Because of Britain's sorry history of inflationary booms and busts, price stability has come to be regarded as the be all and end all of economic policy. But, as Anthony Harris, of *The Times*, puts it, "zero is just another number".

Very low or zero inflation is not a static or isolated phenomenon. It has a dynamic array of effects on other parts of the economy, and this has to be taken into account in making policy judgments. Although the Bank of England has publicly highlighted its concern about another outbreak of *inflation if* the economy *continues* to grow for too long above trend, sharply narrowing the output gap, it is also more privately aware that there are deflationary forces in the economy that make this recovery very different from previous ones.

The sharp falls in inflation, even as the economy has crawled out of recession, are not simply cyclical. The housing and jobs market offer good examples. The housing boom of the 1980s was a one-off because of financial deregulation and because the market was distorted by ideology. People felt wealthy because *house* prices were rising. Even if they did not realise these gains, they were wealthier in fact because they could top up their mortgages and use the money to buy other things — equity withdrawal.

None of this will return. The generous tax breaks on mortgage interest payments, which were the backbone of Margaret Thatcher's mission to boost *home ownership*, are now being dismantled Budget by Budget. Building societies and banks, burnt by bad debts, will no longer lend on such generous terms. Houses are now regarded as homes, not as tools of wealth creation.

The jobs market is behaving differ*ently in this recovery* because of enormous structural change in the 1980s. The large-scale replacement of full-time jobs with part-time work and self-employment that resulted from two very deep recessions coincided with the Thatcherite assault on trade union power that has led to unencumbered hiring and firing and sweeping casualisation of the labour force.

Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, recently highlighted some telling labour market statistics. For example, in spite of several months of falling official jobless figures, unemployment among men aged between 25 and 49 is still 5 per cent above the 1980s peak. Over the past decade, part-timers *have increased by 24* per cent and the number of self-employed is up by 22 per cent.

The result of all this is an unprecedented sense of insecurity in people's working lives, which is holding down wages. As the recovery matures, the sense of fear will recede somewhat, but *the easy confidence that people felt in* the past about their employment prospects will not return.

The stagnation of the housing market and the now unprotected jungle of the labour market, coupled with crippling debts left over from the 1980s, *means* consumers are much weakened. There are those who still argue that the consumer — and inflation — will be back with a vengeance as the recovery lengthens. But it is just as possible that the deep shift in psychology that is dominating behaviour at the moment will have lasting effects.

> ❛ Zero inflation is not an isolated phenomenon. It has dynamic effects on the broader economy ❜

The price-sensitivity of consumers has already had a dramatic impact on retail prices, as the unprecedented price falls in July's summer sales *showed. With little or no real wages* growth and a dead housing market, no wonder consumers are demanding good value. What we are seeing is the low inflation psychology so long desired by the Bank of England. Instead of "buy now because prices are going up", consumers are telling themselves "buy later because prices might fall".

This attitude has already provoked supermarket price wars and has been responsible for the huge circulation gains of this newspaper, a consequence of price cutting. In the 1980s, when consumers saw their wages and house prices going up, it is highly debatable whether 25 pence off the price of a newspaper would have encouraged readers to switch in such large numbers.

The demanding nature of the 1990s consumer provides the incentive for more competitive pricing in other areas. Low inflation, in other words, could be self-reinforcing. For example, it may not be nearly as easy for the *Government, through the Monopolies* and Mergers Commission, to turn a blind eye to price protective devices such as manufacturers' franchises in the car industry, discriminatory distribution in the perfumes business, huge margins on compact discs, or even the practice of ice cream manufacturers ensuring their products are sold exclusively by providing shops with deep freezes. Such developments would be extremely pleasing to the inflation worriers of Threadneedle Street, but would constitute a real shock to retailers and manufacturers that have always been able to raise margins simply by increasing prices. The logic of a low inflation environment is that companies will have to build profits by *innovating, increasing market share* through acquisition or cutting prices, or cutting costs.

Innovation would be a positive route, giving a real boost to the longer term competitiveness of the economy. However, it represents a a great deal of hard work. Cutting prices to gain market share is an obvious option, but it is both risky and expensive in the short-term at a time when businesses are still under a great deal of pressure.

Cutting costs is the most likely response and the one that fits most easily with the prevailing Conservative philosophy. But prolonged cost deflation, when industry has already been forced to make huge efficiency gains under the pressure of two recessions, could have heavy costs to the broader economy.

Employment would be the most obvious casualty. Peter Warburton, of Robert Fleming, believes that companies would be forced into cherry picking the best businesses, the best *people and the best export markets*, and that this would eventually concentrate comparative advantage in a relatively small section of the population. If there is an implosion of costs, economies eventually get smaller. What is good for the consumer may not always be good for the economy.

This line of argument is familiar in America, which has always been a relatively low inflation economy. The latest management theory in America has started to identify constant cost cutting as a source of uncompetitiveness. There is no money to innovate, quality deteriorates, and jobs are lost.

Low inflation threatens to take the dynamism out of economies, particularly if other circumstances are wrong. In Britain, companies have been highly successful in paying off their debts and profits are high. But they are beset from all sides.

Consumers are demanding value at home and newly industrialised countries from the Pacific Rim to Latin America are offering unprecedented competition. At the same time, they face prohibitive borrowing costs, in spite of low inflation, courtesy of the huge public-sector deficit in Britain and in most of the other industrialised countries.

Britain is clearly a long way from a damaging deflationary spiral, but the potential dynamics of a low inflation economy should surely figure as large in the calculations of the Bank of England as backward looks at past mistakes.

Anatole Kaletsky is on holiday

TEMPUS

WH Smith's new chapter

WH SMITH'S late conversion to the free pricing of books has all the sincerity of a Southern plantation owner turning abolitionist. After years of supporting the net book agreement, WH Smith now tells us that it will come out ahead in the brave new world of free trade.

After so much verbal and financial support for price protection, the suspicion remains that the bookseller does have something to lose. How much is at stake is hard to estimate. It is probably not enough to have a severe impact on the group as a whole. After all, books account for just 14 per cent of total sales.

Jeremy Hardie, chairman, expects WH Smith to gain market share from smaller booksellers and independents if the NBA is abolished. That is highly likely even though it may also face increased competition from supermarkets, petrol stations and other mass market retailers who start selling the top ten best-sellers at heavily-discounted prices.

Moreover, the discounting that follows removal of the NBA may be less widespread than cynics expect. In America, where prices are not fixed, discounting tends to focus on the *New York Times* best-seller list and about 30 other titles. The WH Smith chain carries almost 50,000 titles and Waterstones some 100,000.

Even if some of the price cuts are deep, WH Smith has the scale, compared with competitors, to limit damage with lower operating costs. It has not always exploited the potential benefits of its size, but the new team at the helm *is showing stronger signs of doing so.* WH Smith is well-equipped to deal with a post-NBA world. It should never have backed itself into a corner by defending it.

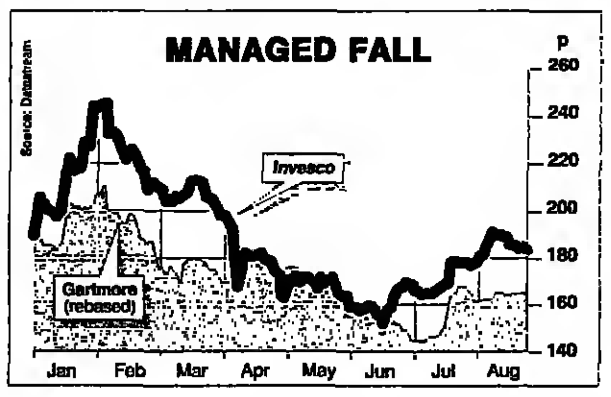
Gartmore/ Invesco

SHARES in fund management groups track the market so closely that their only advantage to a FT-SE tracker fund might be the possibility of sharing in those inflated fund management com*missions*. However, figures from Gartmore and Invesco show that the fees are as volatile as the markets.

Fund managers profit from bull markets because bigger funds generate bigger fees and bull markets drag in more retail business as rising share prices create a feel-good factor. Invesco is in recovery mode from its embarrassing fine by Imro last year, and the company is investing heavily in personal pensions business in America. That strategy is continuing to bear heavily on the cost:income ratio, which reached 79 per cent in the first half. Invesco will need to generate a lot of new business if it is to continue to justify such high expenditure.

Gartmore is also investing in new staff, but income growth of 39 per cent suggests the payback could come sooner rather than later. *More comforting is* growth in new funds under management of £1.4 billion, not enough, however, to offset the decline in total funds caused by the market's fall.

Pension fund trustees are increasingly fickle in their choice of fund managers and the trend is towards ever more short-term performance analysis. Until that changes, *this is a sector to avoid.*



Marley

FEW sectors generate more confusion than housing. The message from the builders is of low volume in a quiet summer, and the building societies report little movement in prices. But estate agents continue to talk the market up and yesterday Marley, emperor of roof tiles, spoke confidently of housing activ*ity continuing at higher levels* leading to the hoped-for payoff of a dividend boost for shareholders at the year end.

Marley has more than 40 per cent of the UK roof tile market, which ought to give a reasonable barometer of the housebuilding sector. But it failed to convince the City yesterday and after early gains, the shares fell back.

Strong volume growth in concrete blocks supports Marley's bullish view. Stock shortages of the material mean builders now have to wait for delivery and have enabled Marley to drive through a 4 per cent price increase which appears to be sticking. The picture is different for roof tiles, however, where volume growth is slow and builders are resisting price rises. Marley is also feeling pressure on the supply side with PVC price rises for moulding products generating fears that the company may have to absorb the cost. Marley needs more prospective buyers in show-houses before the shares move much from these levels.

German chemicals

IF A new era is dawning at Hoechst, largest of Germany's big three chemicals groups, it has started well, given that German, and with it European, economic recovery is still in the test-tube. Jürgen Dormann, the first non-chemist to hold the chief executive's post, showed good timing in taking the helm this year.

Not only is Germany starting to stir from deep recession, but prices for bulk chemicals have stopped falling. Hoechst's strength, like that of BASF, its nearest German rival, in commodity chemicals leaves it better positioned for a sharper increase in earnings this year than Bayer, with its emphasis on pharmaceuticals. A 7.8 per cent boost to volume sales, with Asia up 25 per cent, helped offset downward pressure on prices elsewhere.

Currency movements also helped, as too did the reconfiguration of the group. Hoechst's *recovery* is accelerating, with almost 70 per cent of profits growth in the second quarter against 16 per cent in the first three months.

Sales growth slowed in the second quarter to 5.5 per cent in mark terms, almost half the first-quarter rate, but July and August have been good and the Kuwait Petroleum Company, Hoechst's biggest shareholder, with a stake just short of 25 per cent, would be advised to stick with its holding. Profits still fall short of some of its sharper international rivals, but Herr Dormann, an economist, is in hot pursuit of world leadership in earnings as well as turnover.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Flying to Paris 75 years on

SEVENTY five years ago today, a converted First World War bomber took off from Hounslow Heath, west of London, for Le Bourget, near Paris, on what was to become the world's first international daily air service. The de Havilland DH4A biplane, owned by Aircraft Transport and Travel, from which British Airways was to evolve, took 2½ hours, using railway lines as navigational aids. Today, a BA Boeing 767, piloted by Captain Stuart Dolby, sets off for Paris carrying a rather special cargo — a brace of grouse and some clotted cream (courtesy of Harrods), and a few copies of *The Times*, to be delivered to the British Ambassador in Paris. This is precisely the cargo carried by the original pilot, Bill Lawford, on that maiden flight all those years ago. In his day, the rules of flying were somewhat different, as manuscripts from the archives reveal. Rule Number One read: "Don't take the *machine* into the air unless you are satisfied it will fly". Another advised aviators not to wear furs while flying, and suggested they carry hankies to wipe their goggles. BA now has 24 daily flights between London and Paris — each carrying nearly 250 passengers and 10 tonnes of cargo, in the case of the 767. One hopes its pilots observe Rule Number 11: "Learn to gauge altitude, especially on landing."

Quelle challenge

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, faces difficulties privatising the Post Office. Wolfgang Bötsch, the German minister of post, finds himself in a rather different situation. Germany's mail order industry, led by Quelle, Europe's biggest player in the field, intends to launch its own direct mail service next year in competition with Postdienst, the state monopoly. A pilot scheme will be set up, with or without a licence from Bonn. Bolshy lot, these mail order firms. But, as observers of German despatches may recall, it was a Prinz von Thurn und Taxis (from Bavaria, like the Schickedanz dynasty, owners of Quelle), who started Europe's first postal service in 1495, with a Vienna-Brussels operation. The noble clan lost the business to regional states in the early 19th century and Prussia took full control in 1886. Might I suggest that the mail order firms pick the current scion of the Thurn and Taxis family to lead their postal challenge.

Warsaw flash

PUZZLING news flash from the Warsaw stock exchange the other day: "Tonsil suspended . . . probe started". *Sounds all very clinical. In* fact, it concerns a (for Anglo-Saxon ears) rather ill-named Polish loudspeaker company involved in what were said to be "misunderstandings" about its results and debts. Hope surgery isn't required.

Banking accolade

A former lawyer with Linklaters & Paines has become one of a handful of women in the world to be put in charge of a bank. Audette Exel, a 31-year-old New Zealander who worked for Linklaters in Hong Kong, becomes managing director of Bermuda Commercial Bank, one of three on the island. She has been acting managing director since last October. All in all, a meteoric rise for Exel, whose offshore financial structuring work with Linklaters led her to Bermuda in 1992, and left her in charge of the banking department at Milligan-Whyte and Smith, a local law firm.

Latvian link

"CABLE and Wireless links Latvia to the world" read the corporate announcement from *the Theobalds Road* headquarters of C&W yesterday. But the news that the company had given the former Soviet Baltic republic its first direct telephone link to the West will be of no comfort at all to Aberdeen, whose soccer squad were painfully eliminated on Tuesday night from the UEFA cup by Skonto Riga, the Latvia club. Latvia has been linked to the world longer than we think.

JON ASHWORTH

COMPANY NUMBER: 48949C
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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of National Mutual Life Assurance Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, The Priory, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 2DW on Tuesday, 20th September 1994, at 12.30pm to pass the following Special Resolution:

That a transfer be made of the whole of the long term business of St. George Assurance Company Limited to the Society with effect from 31 December 1994 in accordance with Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982.

The Petition with Schemes annexed and the independent Actuarie's. Report submitted to the High Court, in relation to the proposed transfer, is available for inspection at the registered office of the Society.

A member qualified to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of him. A proxy card should be lodged with the Society at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

By order of the Board

R C Engledow, *Secretary*
19th August 1994

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ACCOUNTANCY

Let's not provide a cover-up

The death knell has sounded for big bath provisioning, says **Gerry Acher**. So, what next?

In Britain, the guiding light of accounting has always been prudence. Flexibility has also been a characteristic — over-used in the late 1980s, when we saw so-called kitchen sink accounting, or big bath provisioning, taken too far. There were cases of all the "bad news" being pulled into one year, when the costs belonged to several. Perceived advantages to future profitability are obvious.

For many, not providing as soon as a liability is foreseen is an anathema, but the climate is changing. ASB proposals in FRED 7 will limit scope for reorganisation provisions in the acquisition fair-value exercise, and FRS 3 has stricter rules on when provision may be made on discontinuing a business. I broadly support both approaches; some reining-in was needed. Standard-setters are, however, now looking at provisions in on-going businesses. An international project by standard-setters may consider the need for, and content of, guidance on provisioning.

Elsewhere, change is under way. The SEC is starting to challenge the nature, timing and amount of restructuring provisions by US public companies. It can investigate companies' accounting policies and form its own enforceable views on "correct" treatment, and has already made at least one company change provisions. Borden, a food group, had a restructuring provision of *$642 million* in 1992 accounts; the SEC queried the description of costs and the timing of the provision. After SEC scrutiny, restated accounts put restructuring costs at only $377 million, with $205 million of the difference reclassified as costs of sales or *other expenses, and $60 million*, which the SEC felt had been recognised too soon, carried to 1993.

The SEC challenge on timing is based on its view as to when liability arises. The debate of the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) — the US equivalent of our Urgent Issues Task Force — has focused on non-contractual, involuntary redundancy provisions. An EITF consensus says that, to support such provisions, directors must have committed a company before year-end to a detailed redundancy plan, to take effect within a year of approval, and, before approval of accounts, employees must have been told enough about the plan and benefits to decide their position.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Gerry Acher says firms must not be allowed to hide bad news

It is widely felt in the US that this EITF position goes beyond previous US GAAP. It is certainly a more stringent, less "prudent", approach than that common in the UK, even under FRS 3 rules for termination provisions, the closest guidance we have. There was concern when FRS 3 was issued that these rules meant provisions would now be made later. Other provisions, such as for restructuring, are often still made under the more prudent, pre-*FRS 3*, approach that concentrates on reflecting all future consequences of decisions already taken. This is clearly earlier than the SEC now thinks fit. Will the UK move the same way?

Ought provisioning to be decision-based or commitment-based, reflecting commitments given to third parties? There is unease internationally among standard-setters about the extent to which decision-based accounting has led to big bath provisions — unease clearly shared by some on the ASB. Certainly, FRS 3 emphasises the need for demonstrable commitment to termination before provision may be made. The SEC now appears to seek to go further. SEC insistence on visible signs of commitment carries as many dangers — not only of encouraging belief that prudence may be ignored, but of accounting consequences driving management actions.

A balance must be struck. Prudence may not be enough, but must stay paramount. We shall no doubt see changes in UK rules. My firm shares some of the standard-setters' concerns when provisioning goes too far, but will argue against *guidance seen as too prescriptive, mechanistic or imprudent*. If there is bad news, let us not allow companies to hide it until the last minute. I do not believe accounts will be truer and fairer with commitment-based provisions. I am sure most users of accounts will agree.

The author is head of audit at KPMG Peat Marwick

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hovering holiday

SENIOR partners in the large firms tend to enjoy traditional holidays — sailing in the Med, snoring in Tuscany, that sort of thing. Not so Adrian Martin, debonair managing partner in Stoy Hayward. Martin made a name for himself in the soaraway Eighties by flying in to visit clients at the controls of his own helicopter. Now he has taken the concept a step further. For his summer break, Martin is bound for Moscow, where he hopes to compete in the world helicopter championships — only, he has to get the whirlybird there first. Last time I checked, he had made it as far as Berlin, and was continuing his intrepid dash eastward.

Treasury ban

AT THE riveting exhibition titled *Three hundred years of stamp duties and the Stamp Office*, which runs until next Wednesday at Somerset House, in London, there are many examples of government ingenuity at inventing taxes over the centuries. This may explain a terse comment in the visitors' book. "Don't let the Treasury in," it says.

Not binding

RUMOURS are rife that the merger between Binder Hamlyn and Arthur Andersen has become bogged down in negotiations. Binders' partners voted unanimously two weeks ago in favour of the merger, but it seems that the global end of things may prove a drag on the rest. As it is, Andersen's worldwide partners have yet to receive ballot papers to vote on the idea. And Binders' erstwhile worldwide sister group, BDO, is brandishing contracts which suggest that the penalty payment for withdrawing from the old worldwide partnership is some $8 million. "There is some detail to be settled," says an Andersen spokesman.

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and the department of accounting and finance at Glasgow University have been called in to bring Western-style accountancy to the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. ICAS will train accountants to understand Western capitalist systems. Similar courses are under way in Russia, Hungary, Ukraine and Romania.

JON ASHWORTH

The mad, mad world of the VAT industry

IN THE run-up to the August Bank Holiday, there is only one topic worth discussing — value-added tax. The reason is simple. VAT has spawned a huge industry through the tribunals where contentious issues are argued. Many of these issues are extraordinary. To VAT experts, they are meat and drink.

The VAT industry, if it were understood by the person on the Clapham omnibus, would seem arcane as well as unnecessary. When VAT was introduced, the Chancellor at the time said it would be "simple". That simplicity saw 1,100 tribunal decisions in its first nine years. This rose to 9,000 by 1992 and with a further 2,000 the following year, the trend has been inexorably upwards.

No wonder the topic is vital to the mass of ordinary accountants. The newspaper *Accountancy Age* was startled by evidence that the key to rank-and-file readership loyalty was its weekly column on VAT. It is not a specifically British phenomenon. I received a letter from Austria a fortnight ago. The writer had read the last column I had written on VAT lunacies. "It's everywhere the same disaster," he wrote, and appended a decision in the Austrian supreme court of administration.

ROBERT BRUCE

It was a variant of the *classic UK case of Blackpool* pleasure beach, in 1974, when grown men and women argued all the way up to the Court of Appeal over whether a trip on the Big Dipper was primarily a means of transport from A to B or was undertaken for fun. Fun, you will be pleased to hear, won the day. But not until the legal arguments had run for several years.

The Austrian case revolved around whether VAT on transportation of people should be applied to escalators or lifts, particularly those in stores or buildings with restaurants at the top. If ever there was a case for asking a child of six to make the ruling, this was it.

The bible of the UK VAT industry is Tolley's *VAT Cases*. No praise can be high enough for *this book. Each year, it chronicles* the astonishing behaviour of the VAT industry.

Food has provided a rich vein of argument. Nothing in the 1994 edition rivals the lengthy dispute over whether Jaffa Cakes were cakes or biscuits. But there are arguments over how far from a snack kiosk a table can be before the food is reckoned to have been taken away.

There are two arguments over whether Horlicks or Lucozade tablets are confectionery and a lengthy dispute over whether pasteurising orange juice means that it can be classified as "manufactured". A health product was said to be a food supplement rather than a drink, since it "would act as a violent laxative if drunk by the glassful".

Replacing the roof of a protected building was classified as a repair. Replacing the guttering on a church was deemed to be an *alteration*. Conversion of a barn into a music room and of an outbuilding into a study was not allowed to escape tax through zero-rating. But the conversion of a similar building into an indoor swimming pool did escape on the ground that it was connected by a walkway to the rest of the house.

A two-person partnership was told it had to pay a default surcharge, despite arguing that *the delay in payment* was due to one of them giving birth just before the due VAT date. This was deemed to be "not a reasonable excuse for submitting the returns late". Yet another business escaped a surcharge on the interesting ground that non-payment was due to a lack of funds owing to "prolonged high interest rates".

An accountancy firm was let off a penalty for getting its VAT wrong on the ground that its adviser had provided poor advice. Yet a shopkeeper failed on a similar argument. His accountant overclaimed tax. The shopkeeper argued that as he had been in prison at the time, he could not check the return. Not "a reasonable excuse", said the tribunal.

The world of descriptions also yields a fine harvest of nonsense. There has been much argument over personalised numberplates and whether you could reclaim the tax on their purchase. Mostly, the answer is that you cannot, notably in the case where the numberplates bore the initials of the managing director's son. Nothing to do with business, said the tribunal. The "predominant motive" was "the pleasure of driving cars with their initials displayed on the numberplates". *But what then do you make of the car dealer* who bought LEW 1S as his numberplate. His case was allowed.

It is the total lunacies that dominate. It will come as no surprise to you to learn that, for tax purposes, four-wheel all-terrain vehicles are held by VAT tribunals to be "motorcycles". They probably also think that VAT is still a "simple" tax and that no reform is necessary.

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Income & Gwth Inc	27.65	29.58	- 0.19	4.14
Intnl Gwth	31.62	33.81	+ 0.14	0.15
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Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.65	25.63r	+ 0.03	7.93
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Portfolio	72.87	77.93	+ 0.26	1.46
Security	331.10	354.10	+ 1.10	1.83
Smaller Cos	129.80	138.80	+ 0.10	1.00
Special Sits	*151.00*	*161.70r*	*- 0.20*	*1.34*
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Extra Inc	261.10	277.80	+ 1.20	3.84
-do- Acc	662.20	705.10	+ 3.20	3.84
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-do- Acc	138.50	142.70	+ 0.30	0.12
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-do- Acc	551.00	586.90	- 7.10	0.50
Income	493.60	525.20	+ 2.00	3.53
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278½	179½	Aus New Z	155	...	...	5.1	28.2
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3112½	+37½	..	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	268	+5	...	4.9	7.8
247	172½	Bank Scotland	199	-1	...	3.5	16.3
640	487	Barclays	570 ↑	+2	...	3.7	17.6
37	13½	Carlisle	29 ↑	-½	...	1.1	...
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2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2366½	+21½	...	...	...
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285½	209	Close Bros	243	...	...	3.2	13.2
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£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£293	+418½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1495½	+5½	...	0.4	••
515	395	Gerrard Nat	478	...	22.0	5.0	13.8
1173	660	HSBC	718	+8	...	4.3	10.3
1133	680	HSBC HK	736	+9	...	4.2	10.5
473	256	Hambros	304	-4	...	6.2	12.5
443	403	Joseph (L)	405 ↑	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	131	King Shaxson	131	...	...	5.0	12.9
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	510 ↑	...	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	548 ↑	+5	...	5.2	10.8
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	..	..	3.9	17.2
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	504	-2	.	5.6	10.6
622	421	Nat West	482½	+½	...	5.0	9.0
573	415	Provident	504	...	...	4.8	10.6
79	53	Rea Bros	64	...	...	1.9	16.4
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	402	+1	..	3.7	18.2
1460	1050	Schroders	1443	+3	...	1.4	13.2
359½	223	Stand Chart	246 ↑	+1	...	3.2	2.4
291	197	TSB	214 ↑	+2	...	4.7	10.8
199	108	Union	112	.	..	5.1	10.2
1013	676	Warburg SG	759	-3	..	3.6	9.2
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260	194	Westpac	209	+1	...	3.0	••
390	288	Wintrust	298 ↑	.	...	4.4	19.2

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	620	+14	.	4.3	15.1
619	485	Bass	575	+6	...	4.8	15.0
298	250	Boddington	283	...	...	3.8	13.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	404 ↑	...	..	3.3	23.3
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	190	.	..	3.3	15.9
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	159	+4	..	2.9	22.1
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	53	+1	...	5.4	61.9
493	416	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	420	+1	...	3.2	17.4
506	375	Grand Met	444 ↑	+1	.	3.7	19.3
511	399	Greenalls Grp	461	+8	...	2.4	17.7
584	452	Greene King	519 ↑	+13	...	3.1	14.4
542	428	Guinness	485	+9	...	3.2	15.6
283	239	Hardy Hansn	263	1	...	4.2	13.5
160	121	Heavitree▲	150	...	...	2.4	13.8
457	353	Highland Distl	417	...	...	2.0	10.3

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65	39	Burcliffe Speak	40 ↑	-7	..	1.6	23.7
490	361	Wardle Storeys	395	+2	...	5.5	20.7
745	570	Wlmhlme K	745	+7	...	3.0	18.6
465	380	Yorks Chem	441 ↑	..	...	3.2	19.0
336	258	Yule Catto	330	.	..	2.4	25.1
869	672	Zeneca	848	+17	..	4.1	16.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	226 ↑	...	.	3.4	16.8
410	330	Argos Plc	361	+2	...	2.9	18.9
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	69	...	..	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	271	.	...	3.0	12.9
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	...	...	5.5	15.1
150	110	Bentalls	127	+2	...	3.0	47.0
165	73	Betterware	76	...	...	4.3	3.2
48	36	Blacks Leis	40 ↑	-1	...	7.0	••
264	214	Body Shop	219	-8	...	1.1	20.6
601	504	Boots	563	+11	...	3.5	22.2
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	..	...	...	..
345½	210	Brown (N)	244	..	...	3.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	63½	+½	...	3.9	..
245	132	Carpets	193	-	...	3.8	26.9
520	388	Church	483	...	...	2.4	21.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	2.4
287	300	Coats Viyella	230	+3	...	4.3	20.1
170	145	C'try Casuals	146	...	...	3.7	14.9
903	740	Courts Furnish	774	+3	...	1.0	39.2
210	158	Crown Eyes▲	170 ↑	-8	...	1.0	••
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	95	+1	...	3.8	13.1
139½	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	139½	...	..	1.3	28.3
287	132	Dixons Grp	204 ↑	...	...	4.0	22.1
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	6½	-½	...	3.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	••
284	191	Essex Furn	197	...	...	2.4	31.5
317	217	Etam	309	-2	..	3.0	21.9
558	494	Fine Art Dev	507	-3	14.3	3.8	15.7
60	46	Fired Earth	43	.	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	723 ↑	...	..	3.5	••
230	124	French Conn▲	230	...	...	...	13.0
73	48	Gent SR	63	...	...	4.3	19.6
132	85	Goldsmiths Gp	120 ↑	...	...	1.1	21.5
653	549½	GUS	593	+6	...	2.8	17.2
196	164	Hamleys	187	+1	...	3.1	15.0
31	31	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	..
70½	13½	Hartstone	15 ↑	...	...	2.7	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	65	...	...	4.8	9.5
219	178	Hse of Fraser	319	+2	...	3.9	19.7
211	173	Jacques Vert	198 ↑	+6	...	2.8	17.5
779	477	Kingfisher	534	+6	...	3.8	13.1
81	61	Leslie Wise Gp	60 ↑	...	...	7.4	14.3
433	390	Liberty	398	.	..	1.5	48.9
380	277	Lloyds Chem	306	+2	...	3.2	10.1
184	137	MFI	149½	+3	...	3.4	19.0
460½	380	Marks Spencer	433	+½	...	2.7	20.1
680	554	Menzies (John)	590	...	...	3.8	14.3
343	238	Moss Bros	327	+1	...	2.7	15.9
275	214	Next	270	...	...	2.5	20.1
72	39	Oliver (G)	72	...	...	...	77.5
335	205	Ostlane Intl	284 ↑	-4	...	4.6	12.9

ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	••
165	99	BWD▲	110 ↑	..	..	4.8	9.0
178	96	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	163	Biotec Inv	165	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	741	+3	...	3.2	12.8
2640½	1900	Camellia	2640½	...	..	1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	327	.	...	4.2	...
212	196	Exco	205	-2	..	3.2	11.1
465	367	Gowett	390	...	...	4.8	6.5
250	185	Ivory Sime	230 ↑	..	..	4.1	17.9
428	175	Johnston Fry	198	..	1.5	1.0	...
245	143	Lon Forfaitng▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	..	...	..	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	55	...	...	...	..
365	247	Rathbone Brs	272	...	...	3.5	14.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	27½	-½	...	4.0	13.9
363½	281½	S & U	335	+2	...	3.9	10.9
114	82	Singer & Fried	93	+1	...	4.5	10.7
1260	798	Sothebys	815	+12	..	3.4	35.2
188	131	STP Capital	152	...	...	3.5	9.4
224	174	Towry Law	174	-2	...	3.2	17.1

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
442	364	EIS	382	...	...	4.0	15.3
25	15	Eibief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Elecp	42	...	...	...	...
3750½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3218½	+50½	...	1.6	55.6
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	385	-3	...	5.3	22.4
146	96	Environmed	105	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3493½	+57½	...	1.1	30.7
86	60	Eurocopy	65 ↑	...	...	3.5	19.1
114	60	Expamet	112	...	...	3.5	70.3
390	334½	Fairey Group	384	...	...	1.9	20.3
145	109	Fenner	134	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	39	Fercum	39	...	...	...	...

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	351	TI	373 ↑	...	...	3.8	20.6
44	31	TLS Range▲	32	...	...	1.6	44.3
389	330	TT Group	370	+2	...	2.2	••
292	190	Takare	216 ↑	-1	3.0	1.2	12.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	819½	+2½	...	0.8	14.9
102	92	Tinsley (B)▲	102 ↑	...	...	6.9	••
220	199	Titon▲	199	...	...	2.7	16.9
283	213	Tomkins	242 ↑	+7	...	3.0	15.6
124	74½	Trafalgar H	90	...	...	1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	68	-1	...	6.1	7.2
162	170	Triplex Lloyd	132 ↑	...	...	4.2	••
318	262	UniChem	305	-2	...	2.7	17.1
440	245	Unidare	265	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	32	Unigroup	44	-1	...	...	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
271	223	Macfarlane	248	...	...	1.9	22.5
539	431	McKechnie	485	-2	...	3.8	23.2
125	100	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	18.4
104	70	Magnolia	75	+2	...	0.2	...
164	129	Mang Bronze	164	+3	...	2.7	18.5
26½	18½	Marling	35 ↑	...	...	3.3	44.8
271	166	Mayborn▲	181	+8	...	3.9	13.0
64	53	Mayflower	62	-1	...	3.5	25.0
187	120	Medeva	127	+2	...	2.7	11.0
120	77½	Meggitt	83	...	...	5.0	12.7
132	101	Metalrax	109	...	...	4.2	18.1
128	99	Metzzer	100	...	...	4.5	••
133	99	Mersey▲	132	...	...	1.9	18.4

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
673	468	Utd Friendly	543	...	...	2.8	27.9
248	130	Willis Corroon	154	-2	...	3.4	13.6
20	20	Windsor	21	...	...	...	10.5

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
322½	280	3i	322½	+½	...	3.5	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1893	+18	...	3.2	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	442 ↑	+7	...	3.0	...
161	127	BZW Conv	147	+½	7.8	6.6	...
219	173	Bankers	194½	...	...	2.4	...

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

TRANSPORT

WATER

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103½	100½	Treas 9% 1994	100½	...	8.93	5.27
107½	102½	Treas 12% 1995	102½	...	11.69	5.57
98½	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98½	...	3.06	2.45
107½	103½	Exch 10¼% 1995	103½	...	9.92	6.37
113½	106½	Treas 12¾% 1995	106½	-½	11.93	6.75
117½	109½	Treas 14% 1996	109½	...	12.82	7.01
127½	112½	Treas 15¼% 1996	112½	..	13.57	7.29
117½	109½	Exch 13¼% 1996	109½	-½	12.12	7.36
112½	104½	Conv 10% 1996	104½	..	9.57	7.32
121½	111½	Treas 13¼% 1997	111½	.	11.88	7.85
114½	105½	Exch 10½% 1997	105½	...	9.95	7.97
110½	101½	Treas 8¾% 1997	101½	...	8.62	8.17
131½	118½	Exch 15% 1997	118½	-½	12.69	8.32
114½	103½	Exch 9¾% 1998	103½	...	9.38	8.37
106½	96½	Treas 7¼% 1998	96½	+½	7.50	8.33
102	94½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94½		7.12	8.38
131½	116½	Treas 14% 1998-01	116½	..	11.97	6.57
140½	125½	Treas 15½% 1998	124½ ↑	+½	12.49	8.42
125½	111½	Exch 12% 1998	111½	..	10.73	8.57
116½	103½	Treas 9½% 1999	103½	...	9.20	8.53

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101½	89½	Treas 6% 1999	90½ ↑	...	6.65	8.43
128½	113½	Exch 12¼% 1999	113½ ↑	...	10.81	8.66
121½	106½	Treas 10½% 1999	107½	..	9.01	8.68
121½	105½	Conv 10¼% 1999	106½	..	9.64	8.69
116½	101½	Conv 9% 2000	101½	..	8.87	8.66
136½	118½	Treas 13% 2000	118½	..	10.96	8.84
106½	90½	Treas 7% 2001	91½	-½	7.69	8.67
122½	104½	Treas 10% 2001	105½ ↑	-½	9.47	8.83
123½	103½	Treas 9¾% 2002	104½	-½	9.29	8.85
113½	94½	Treas 8% 2003	95½	...	8.38	8.72
127½	105½	Treas 10% 2003	107½ ↑	...	9.33	8.82
139½	110½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111½	-½	10.39	9.06
86½	71½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72½	-½	4.85	7.80
105½	85½	Treas 6¾% 2004	87½	...	7.74	8.63
125½	102	Conv 9½% 2004	104½	+½	9.09	8.80
125½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	105½	+½	9.04	8.75
143½	119½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130½	+½	10.34	9.08
111½	93½	Treas 8% 2002-06	94½	+½	8.47	8.76
112½	91½	Treas 7¾% 2006	93½	+½	8.32	8.66
136½	113½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115½	...	10.21	9.11
119½	96½	Treas 8½% 2007	99½	+½	8.62	8.66
151½	125½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127½	...	10.56	9.08
124½	101	Treas 9% 2008	102½	...	8.76	8.64

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	90	Treas 8% 2009	94½	+½	8.44	8.63
126½	101½	Conv 9% 2011	103½	...	8.70	8.59
127½	101½	Treas 9% 2012	103½	-½	8.68	8.58
95½	72½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73½	+½	7.48	8.36
114½	91½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92½	+½	8.38	8.53
117½	92½	Treas 8% 2013	94½	-½	8.44	8.56
159½	127½	Exch 12% 2013-17	129½	-½	9.26	8.73
128½	99½	Treas 8¾% 2017	102½	-½	8.56	8.52

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	39½	War Ln 3½%	41	+½	8.54	...
37½	27½	Treas 2½%	29½	+½	8.72	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
207½	199½	Treas IL 2% 1996	199½ ↑	...	2.44	3.75
113½	106½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	...	2.64	3.45
176½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165½ ↑	+½	3.26	3.69
173½	159½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161½	+½	3.39	3.74
118½	107½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	+½	5.38	3.72
184½	165½	Treas IL 2% 2006	168½	+½	2.45	3.73
168½	149½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	+½	3.51	3.73
175½	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158½	+½	3.55	3.75
149½	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130½	+½	3.57	3.75
157½	134½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139½	+½	3.60	3.77
152½	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133½	+½	3.64	3.78
129½	106½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111½	+½	3.62	3.75
128½	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110½	+½	3.65	3.79

Source: Finstat

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A glut of stand-ups on the Fringe; but only a few who make you laugh

ARTS

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Christoph von Dohnányi, maestro of Cleveland, has stern words for his conducting rivals

All the nice girls love a werewolf

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** is impressed, but far from frightened, by Jack Nicholson's elegant transformation from dormouse to demon in *Wolf*

Audiences have been expecting Jack Nicholson to turn into a werewolf for some years now. Those arched eyebrows and knitted brow; those predatory stares; that bestial leer. All it needed was a little bite on the hand, and voilà!

Wolf, the film in which it finally happens, teases our expectations right from the start. A lupine growl on the soundtrack blends into the noise of Nicholson gargling. He sits before us looking weirdly subdued with pipe and glasses: a caring, put-upon editor at a firm of New York publishers recently acquired by Christopher Plummer's ruthless tycoon. Quite rightly, he expects the sack.

But the midlife crisis this takeover triggers fades beside the ructions caused by the bite picked up from a collision with a wolf on a snowy Vermont road. A film-maker other than Mike Nichols might have raced to reach the chewed corpses and the anguished baying by the light of the moon. But this fastidious director of stage and screen knows too much about timing, and the value of comedy, to rush. You can almost see the grin on his face as he mischievously plays with the werewolf genre and Nicholson's image, and lets the beast within the wimp gradually emerge.

The first sign is extra body hair. Then Nicholson's senses intensify. The years drop off, his sexual appetite increases; he goes for the jugular at work, and spends the odd night killing deer. An expert in lycanthropy gives soothing advice and offers an amulet to ward off the worst. But the worst still happens: by the end Jack the wolfman is leaping, scowling and mauling opponents like any werewolf.

Here lies a problem. Nichols and his crew expend so much effort being sophisticated, pitching off-beat characters against each other and giving the genre a large twist of irony, that when the shocks come in the grand finale they lack full conviction. Horror fans expect regular shivers up and down the spine; but, for all the menacing gloom conjured by master cameraman Giuseppe Rotunno, *Wolf* only causes the odd twinge.

The limited quotient of high drama is also affected by the brittle characters drawn in Jim Harrison and Wesley Strick's script. Some come and go in a flash: blink too long and you may miss a haughty Prunella Scales as the queen of twaddle novels.

Wolf
Odeon Leicester Square
15, 125 mins
Jack Nicholson turns hairier

Le Parfum d'Yvonne
Renoir, 18, 89 mins
Elegant but empty sensuous reverie

A Shadow of Doubt
Curzon Phoenix
15, 105 mins
Compelling French drama about child abuse

As for Nicholson's co-star Michelle Pfeiffer, her sullen, spoilt tycoon's daughter naturally stimulates the raging male hormones stacking up inside our hero. She will do the same for many in the audience. But when we are asked to believe the unlikely pair share romantic yearnings, the urge to shout "Phooey!" is too strong. This is no fairytale about Beauty and the Beast: Nichols's brand of caustic realism sees to that.

James Spader's slimy, silver-tongued work colleague is a joy to watch when he stabs Nicholson's back, and receives his comeuppance in the men's room ("Just marking my territory," Jack the wolf drawls as he urinates over Spader's shoes). His is not a character, though, built to survive a slam-bang finale crammed with special effects by Rick Baker, Hollywood's beast-maker par excellence.

Still, if the final stages are unsatisfactory, they never wipe out the pleasure *Wolf* brings. While most Nicholson performances these days would not be out of place in a three-ringed circus, here is one that is well-paced and wickedly subtle. When most Hollywood fantasy movies burst their sprocket holes trying to shock, *Wolf* keeps a wry smile, and remembers that audiences have brains.

And noses: why else would a movie be entitled **Le Parfum d'Yvonne**? Few recent films have been so drenched with the scents of clothes, scarves, flowers and soft female skin as this languorous affair from Patrice Leconte. This is a story of glances, caresses, memories and regret, told by the new reigning sensualist of European cinema. Once the perfume evaporates, however, you are left with precious little: for all his skills with opulent decor and the gliding camera, Leconte is no successor to Max Ophüls, the master of bitter-sweet romance.

Luckily, *Le Parfum*, based on a novel by Patrick Modiano, retreats from the brash misogyny of Leconte's last film, *Tango*. The mood here is closer to *The Hairdresser's Husband*, which took erotic pleasure in the routine business of getting a short back and sides.

Jack Nicholson is the mild-mannered publisher who discovers strength, power — and Michelle Pfeiffer — in *Wolf*

Flashbacks return us to the end of the 1950s, on the shores of a lake bordering France and Switzerland. In an elegant hotel lobby, Victor, a languid layabout hiding from the Algerian war, eyes a luscious woman and her attendant dalmatian. This is Yvonne, an aspiring film star, friend and protégée of Dr Meinthe, a flamboyant homosexual whose preferred name is Astrid, Queen of the Belgians.

Partnered by Eduardo Serra's waltzing camera, the trio waft through scenes weak on plot but heavy with atmosphere. Sometimes the CinemaScope screen contains nothing more than the outstretched bodies of Hippolyte Girardot (as the laidback Victor) and Sandra Majani, the Dutch fashion model cast as Yvonne. Elsewhere, Leconte fills the space with tennis matches, a combined car and fashion show, butterflies and cigarettes of many colours: images from a hermetic dream world where, for all the references to the Algerian war, time stands still.

Leconte's plush visuals bring certain pleasures; and Jean-Pierre Marielle, as the lordly, mysterious Dr Meinthe, finds greater subtleties in this ageing roué than the script probably indicated. But we are still left with a decorative surface masking a vacuum. An easy film to watch, but easier to forget.

This is not the case with the week's second French export, **A Shadow of Doubt**. The subject is serious: child abuse. As for visual style, the director Aline Issermann, previously known on the festival circuit for her excellent first film *Le Destin de Juliette*, easily beats Leconte in her command of widescreen imagery. The play of light and shadow on faces in close-up produces far more than striking pictures: they strongly evoke the fear and suspicions that plague the Leblanc family once 12-year-old Alexandrine tells the police that her father molests her.

In the publicity material, Issermann quotes approvingly from the austere Danish master Carl Dreyer: "The most fascinating landscape is the human face." Provided, of course, that the eyes behind the camera know how to look. Issermann and her regular cameraman Darius Khondji certainly do; and any suggestion of arid formalism is swept away by the emotionally engrossing material. The sad, fragile face of young Sandrine Blancke (seen also in *Toto the Hero*) easily survives the close scrutiny.

To her credit, Issermann wastes little time on full-frontal footage of molestation or the drumming up of spurious tension over the guilt or innocence of the breezy father (played by Alain Bashung). What matters most is the devastating impact on family life, and how society's institutions react.

Issermann brilliantly suggests a domestic nightmare, where each empty corridor, tick of a clock or barking dog carries ominous overtones. She also has the confidence to sit back, giving her characters time to talk and unburden themselves of memories that make their actions, however gross, more understandable. Intelligent, involving, dazzlingly shot, *A Shadow of Doubt* obliterates Leconte's parfumerie, and marks Issermann as a talent to cherish.

PROMS 1994

Grand passion

BBCNOW/ Wigglesworth
Albert Hall, Radio 3

I looked forward to Tuesday night's Prom, featuring Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony, the "Leningrad", with less than eager anticipation. In my last encounter with the blockbuster I had been subjected to an aural battering in the unyielding acoustics of the Festival Hall.

The Albert Hall poses many an acoustic problem, but for this work it proved ideal, sending the fusillades of sound reverberating round, one after another, and providing a sense of perspective that showed it all in a new light. Conducting this magnificent performance by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, without a score, was the newly announced music director, Mark Wigglesworth.

He began the depiction of advancing Nazi military oppression in the first movement with barely perceptible taps on the side drum and hushed strings. It seemed not so much a histrionic effect as a seeping into the consciousness. As the piano, its jauntiness tinged with irony, joined the action, followed by a screaming E flat clarinet and grinding dissonances slewing across the bathetic progress of the march, one was gripped.

To the credit of both conductor and orchestra, this expression of naked power and brute force never produced an ugly sound; nor did its minimalist repetitions seem gratuitous.

The elegiac scherzo and Mahlerian, chorale-led Adagio unfolded equally impressively, and the powerful build-up of the finale displayed further skilful integration of tempi. After a passage of soulful reflection, the final wave combined the urgency of the experience undergone with a newfound note of optimism.

The preceding performance of Mahler's *Rückert Lieder* was equally admirable. The baritone soloist, Thomas Allen, made each of his expressive leaps tell, especially in the first two songs, and Wigglesworth was the ideal accompanist, providing both warmly coloured sonorities and, where required, an intense inwardness.

BARRY MILLINGTON

OPERA: Serious intent sadly spoilt

The buffets of war warped by a buffet

Katja Doric (left) and Marie Angel in *Sarajevo*

COMPOSERS from Mozart to Beethoven to Rossini to Verdi to Weill addressed the social and political issues of their day with varying degrees of obliquity. Nigel Osborne, though, attempts to tackle the obscenity of the war in Bosnia head-on. He has known Sarajevo for 30 years, and over the past two has involved himself with the artists and writers of the city.

He writes with passion and eloquence in the programme about the anger that, in part, drove him to compose his new opera. The obvious channel through which to present it was David Freeman's Opera Factory, with which he has often collaborated in the past.

The evening falls into three parts. The first is a shortened version of Don Taylor's translation of *The Trojan Women*, with minimal musical accompaniment (only the odd inter-scene gong stroke) to Euripides's drama. The second lies, in Osborne's words, "somewhere between an opera, a cabaret and a song cycle", and consists of musical settings of diaries, reminiscences and news reports of life in the Bosnian capital — a docu-opera, quite the hardest form to bring off, if indeed it is a valid form (remember David Blake's *Toussaint?*).

Sarajevo
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The third part, following without a break, is *Sand Storm*, an oratorio to a text by Craig Raine reflecting the content of the Euripides. The evening lasts for three hours.

The cast of seven comprises four singers plus three actors from the former Yugoslavia, the latter headed by the extraordinary Rade Serbedzija. English is not his first language, nor is it of Katja Doric and Selma Alispahic; this, combined with Opera Factory's somewhat uncompromising house style (intensity of expression counts for more than communication) meant that Taylor's Euripides text was not consistently audible, which proved frustrating over a 65-minute span.

Scarcely a word came across of the Raine oratorio, rashly set by Osborne as a near-motionless 20-minute adagio and sung by Claire Daniels, Marie Angel, Andrew Burden and Tom McDonnell with sotto-voce obbligato comments from the actors.

The most interesting part, then, is the central documentary: with such harrowing texts, most of them audible, it could hardly fail to be otherwise. But despite some attractive songlike structures, satirical quotes (Strauss's *Elektra* briefly shook its gory locks at us) and lyrical duets for soprano and tenor — most beautifully sung by Daniels and Burden — the music failed to bind the 20 fragments into a coherent whole.

Does the evening as a whole rise to the occasion? In intention doubtless yes, in execution sadly no. It is time to descend gingerly from the fence: I found the combination of human tragedy on this scale with the Factory's self-regarding and in this context meretricious theatrical trickery — all those eldrich wails, that twitchy stage madness, the earnest occupational therapy with bicycle-mending and hair-washing — more than hard to take. Does such suffering deserve to be patronised by luvviedom? Can any theatrical representation begin to match the newsreels of the past two years?

The only palpable dramatic tension lay between what was being described in the auditorium and the roped-off section of the foyer, where the sponsors' guests were welcomed for wine and food in the interval and after the show, suggesting that the middle-class feelgood factor was playing a greater part in proceedings than was either strictly necessary or tactful.

Great praise is due to Nicholas Kok, who led the accompanying trio from keyboards, and to the music staff who had prepared an impressive vocal performance. The rest is stunned silence.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN Return of the Henry Arthur Jones social comedy after its deserved success last spring. As before, Sarah-Jane Fenton plays the wife who won't endure her husband's infidelity and Malcolm Sinclair is the family lawyer who must persuade her to conform. Auriol Smith directs
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633) Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm, opens Sept 5, 7.45pm ♿

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS Claudio Abbado conducts the first of two concerts with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra tonight. The programme is devoted to Mahler's highly spiritual Symphony No 9, tomorrow he changes pace with the fizz of an all-Russian showpiece
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm ♿

GISMODE OF SALERNE IN LOVE An extreme rarity, written by five "Gentlemen of the Inner Temple" and performed privately for Queen Elizabeth I in 1567. John Quentin plays the man whose obsessive love for his daughter (Julia Righton) causes problems for all. A contemporary critic praised it, though there can't have been much competition when Marlowe and Shakespeare were only three years old
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223) Opens tonight, 7.30pm ♿

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Australian Opera makes its first visit to Edinburgh with Baz (*Strictly Ballroom*) Luhrmann's enchanting and enchanted production of Britten's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. The setting is the British Raj, the fairies are Indian deities, Theseus the Viceroy and the lovers Milford boys and gels. Roderick Brydon conducts a mostly Australian cast, with guest Michael Chance as Oberon. Fifty seats will be released for sale on the day at 9am, 21 Market Street, limit two per person. Expect *long* queues; until Saturday.

Oresteia is today's new theatre production. Peter Stein's enormously long production of Aeschylus's tragic trilogy, performed in Russian with English supertitles, lasts a marathon seven and one-half hours, with two intervals. Also on offer is the final performance of Stephane Braunschweig's magical **The Winter's Tale** and Dublin's Abbey Theatre making its return with JM Synge's black comedy **The Well of the Saints**.

The Lucinda Childs Dance Company leaps onto the stage for one final programme, a group of three energetic and highly innovative pieces *Rythm Plus*, *One and One* and *Concerto*. The last work has music scored by Henryck Gorecki.

Steven Isserlis, Joshua Bell and Olli Mustonen bring their inimitable skills together for a morning recital of Rachmaninov, Ravel and Shostakovich. The **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment**, one of the world's most dynamic period-instrument ensembles, then continues the Beethoven cycle with Symphony No 4 in B flat and No 7 in A. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts tonight and tomorrow
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LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Jewellery of the Classical World (071-636 1555) . . **Courtauld**: French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) **Hayward**: Bonnard at Le Bosquet, closes Aug 29 (071-928 8800) **National Gallery**: Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785) **National Portrait Gallery**: Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) **Royal Academy**: The Belgian Avant-Garde: 1880-1900 (071-439 7438) . . **Tate**: Turner's Holland, William Blake (071-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Pugin: A Gothic Passion; the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
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☐ **THE CRYPTOGRAM** Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard in Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships: a slow start becomes tantalising but it is really a studio play
Ambassadors, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **DOG EAT DOG** The latest collection of sketches, song and parody from the eight-man comedy troupe The Posse opens this week.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310), Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 3 ♿

☐ **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS**: James Bolam and Ron Cook head the cast in Mamet's blistering account of the cut-throat world of Florida real-estate salesmen. Final week.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat today, 3pm and Sat, 4pm ♿

◩ **IN THE HEART OF AMERICA**: Powerful Naomi Wallace drama exposing the macho attitudes that glory in giving pain, in and out of war
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Sept 10

☐ **JUGGLE AND HYDE** The Flying Karamazov Brothers defy probability with their truly astounding feats. They're funny too
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 3 ♿

◩ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**: Another extravagantly set-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

◩ **THE QUEEN AND I**, The deposed Mrs Windsor and her dysfunctional family. Sue Townsend's squib, often amusing and cunningly acted but too warm-hearted to work as satire. In rep with Jim Cartwright's *Road*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Tonight, 7.30pm; Sat 7.30pm. Final week.

◩ **ST JOAN** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE SEAGULL** Judi Dench rules the roost, heading a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, 7.15pm ♿

■ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham star in Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit. A tears 'n' laughter drama, distantly inspired by Chekhov. The American Jewish quips mean a lot less over here.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 10 ♿

◩ **SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH**: Clare Higgins plays the ageing film star in Tennessee Williams's steamy drama about hopes fading and futures destroyed. Richard Eyre's unmissable production, with Robert Knepper and Richard Pasco
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Wed, 2.15pm ♿

☐ **THE TEMPEST**. Alec McCowen presides as Prospero and Simon Russell Beale's baleful Ariel marshalls the magic in Sam Mendes's striking production from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm ♿

◩ **THE WINSLOW BOY**: Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams, Nyree Dawn Porter and Eve Matheson in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ☐ **The Canterbury Tales**: Garrick (071-494 5040) ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ◩ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◩ **Rocky Horror Show**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . ☐ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN (15): The disintegrating life of a Mexican patrolman. Absorbing, disciplined B-movie yarn from Alex Cox, with Roberto Sosa
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** ♿ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

PUBLIC ACCESS: Charismatic stranger prises secrets from a sleepy small town. Thin but intriguing American independent film from new director Bryan J. Singer, with Ron Marquette.
NFT (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **BABY'S DAY OUT** (PG): Wandering baby tries its kidnappers' patience. Stale, lazy comedy from the "Home Alone" stable, with Joe Mantegna and Lara Flynn Boyle. Director, Patrick Read Johnson
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG): Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy, live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

THE GETAWAY (18): Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller, director, Roger Donaldson
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Warner** ♿ (071-437 4343)

KIKA (18): A make-up artiste's life and loves. Misogynistic, dispiriting comedy-thriller from Pedro Almodóvar with Veronica Forqué and Victoria Abril
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** ♿ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18): Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG): Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner.
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PARIS FRANCE (18): Blocked authoress hopes sexual adventures will restore creativity. Dull, pretentious Canadian drama directed by Gerard Ciccoritti, with Leslie Hope
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

SERIAL MOM (18): Homemaker turns corpsemaker. Mild but engaging social satire from John Waters; with Kathleen Turner and Sam Waterston
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◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan
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◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U): You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon, revived in a sparkling restored print.
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◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown summer fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron
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WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG): An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Maria Luisa Bemberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

A glut of stand-ups on the Fringe does not guarantee laughs, says **Kate Bassett**

More ho-hum than ho-ho on comic circuit

Leading players in this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe: Alan Davies (left), Stewart Lee (top right) and Harry Hill

The Fringe Festival: that's a laugh. There's certainly a bellyful of comedy on offer this year: 167 shows so classified according to official, possibly sobering, statistics. A Summerfest, by definition, should be fun, shouldn't it? In the main, I wouldn't argue with that. For many, indeed, this annual extravaganza is as much about booze and bedmates as profound encounters *with the arts*.

But for several years now there have been grumbles about comics invading Edinburgh. As a theatre critic, I have considerable sympathy with such mutterings. I'm uneasy about the commercial big-shots of comedy moving in on the Fringe. Small venues have been marginalised by the amalgam of the Assembly Rooms, the Pleasance and the Gilded Balloon, where comedians are concentrated under powerful promoting companies and marketed using a single brochure.

The Fringe programme in turn seems cluttered with plays offering insubstantial entertainment. Ian Brown, artistic director of the Traverse, now something of a haven of drama, believes the Festival is top heavy with stand-up, and declined to join the threesome this year. "We would have lost our identity," he says.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

So is money-spinning stand-up squeezing out serious theatre? It's not so black and white. Comedy still only adds up to 13.1 per cent of Fringe shows. Tickets are apparently selling well in both camps. William Burdett-Coutts at the Assembly Rooms argues that he still tries to programme roughly 80 per cent theatrical works, and that the joint brochure, headlining comedy, is a marketing venture that pays dividends, upping their buying power and hence artistic quality. Christopher Richardson at the Pleasance points out that "we would find it very difficult to support ourselves and new plays if we didn't have comedy".

While the Festival has become a showcase for scouting television producers, and some performers feel pressure about the Perrier Award competition, others take it with a pinch of salt and venture into untried territory, testing new material and exploring the possibilities of hour-long sets. A few — like Stewart Lee who brings sardonic analyses of homophobic Christian tracts and the mechanics of comedians — even *manage to extend* the boundaries of the genre.

There are also movements from character comedy towards the seeds of stage plays. Yet the acting is too frequently of inferior quality and narrative structuring usually falls apart. Not only does decent theatre appear to be worryingly thin on the ground, it doesn't appear to be a bumper year for comedy either, which is rather glum.

Still, stand-up shows where punters can down beers are in the spirit of the thing, and as one of the panel for this year's Perrier Award I saw a great many of these. However, audiences in Edinburgh, though largely a young crowd, extend to a few who might be their parents — and it has to be said *that they are the butt of many* a joke. Nor, probably, do they much enjoy the sexual upfrontness and the language, although these elements, when not tediously gratuitous, can make comedy a challenging form of entertainment.

At the first Perrier Award meeting it seemed to be the committee members who are the young regular punters on the club circuit, rather than the critics and comedy programmers, who tended to raise questions of offensiveness. Two people walked out on the evening I watched Mark Davis, the gay American comic: the only thing I balked at was Davis's dragging out a pair of spectators to be his backing dancers. Audience participation is normally *limited to answering the question* "Is there anyone in from Scotland?", or whooping at the right moments. And that's a funny sight in itself, witnessing a restrained British audience being persuaded to make an appreciative row.

Comedy is popular across the classes. It attracts more locals than drama does during the festival. Stand-up as an art form has also expanded far beyond strings of gags. Nowadays, however, playing off the clichés of the old school is itself a hackneyed trick. All the same, there is plenty of variety to the material.

Harry Hill witters away in non sequiturs, ironically scattered with jingles; he shows a deliberately cruddy home movie; then shoves on a silly wig and does pop songs in quite the wrong style. Musical appendages are big on the Fringe at the moment — most of them, to their credit, send up the idea of stand-ups as the rock'n'rollers of the 1990s.

Alternatively Alan Davies, in his straighter set, has whimsical quirks and appears charmingly himself. Shambolically unkempt (unlike the one-of-the-boys brigade, all crewcuts and T-shirts), he does not exude the large ego which spoils some acts.

Physical comedy is looming large, but few have the dexterity of Lee Evans, last year's Perrier winner. Only the Australian Umbilical Brothers, who combine mime and astounding self-made sound effects into a microphone, strike one as being exceptional.

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MUSIC: **Richard Morrison** meets the sharp-tongued Christoph von Dohnányi as he prepares for his British tour

Acid words from maestro of Ohio

Silver-haired, prosperous, and eloquent in several languages, Christoph von Dohnányi looks less like a conductor, more like the boss of a trusty German bank. Indiscretions will never pass these lips, you feel, lest they have repercussions for the Deutschmark. He radiates assurance. No demons disturb his sleep.

Nor should they. About 12 years ago, the great Cleveland Orchestra was searching for a new music director. Dohnányi (say "Doc Narn Ye" and you won't be a million glottal-stops away) was in his early forties, and a rank outsider. He was not even a household name in his own household, let alone in the homesteads of Ohio.

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But the Clevelanders knew their business. They wanted what was fondly known in the early 1980s as "the smack of firm government": a disciplinarian with a thorough grounding in the Austro-Germanic symphonic repertoire, a central European who would whip the orchestra into shape and instil a precision so ferocious that you could set your watch by it.

What they really wanted, perhaps, was Georg Szell, the chilly autocrat who brought the Cleveland Orchestra to a pinnacle of musical perfection — of a somewhat clinical variety — in the Fifties and Sixties. Szell, however, was not available, being deceased. Dohnányi proved to be a perfect fit, a born-again Szell. "They don't have to love you, but respect is essential," he says of his relationship with the players. "It helps to be a certain age as well. Young conductors can be overwhelmed by a famous orchestra. You had a case of that in London recently."

A decade on, Dohnányi's meticulous if austere musicianship seems inseparable from the Cleveland persona. He is now a household name, at least in his own household. "I conduct where I want and what I want," he beams. "I don't have to make any more money. I don't have to be any more famous. I don't have to push in any direction. It's a great feeling to be very close to a great orchestra."

And yet the idea that Dohnányi is a tight-lipped maestro, eyes firmly focused on the score in front of him, is swiftly dispelled. He is a mordant observer of the musical scene, and his opinions of other conductors' work are often laced with pure sulphuric acid. "I heard Simon Rattle do *Figaro* with old instruments at Glyndebourne," he comments, during a general condemnation of period-instrument orchestras. "To me it seemed like a total misunderstanding. You could not hear a single string properly, only awkward sounds from the wind and horns."

On the other hand, he also objects to the Mozart recordings made by Karajan in his final years. He believes that Stravinsky "didn't know what was going on" when be conducted his own music. And he says that Bernstein's Mahler was "totally wrong, and I can prove it". Really? "Yes, the more you read about Mahler as a conductor, the more you learn that he was almost pedantic, intellectually very strict, and ruled by the printed notes. He certainly did not want to carry the audience away by emotion." A bit like Dohnányi himself, then.

Many conductors, he thinks, are mere tools of record-company agendas. "You can have a very successful career by doing exactly what people expect you to do." Then there is the sad case of Claudio Abbado, who brings the Berlin Philharmonic to the *Proms tonight*. "Abbado is a good conductor," Dohnányi concedes generously. "But his problem might be, strangely enough, that he is very bad at rehearsing, and this makes musicians unhappy.

Oh? "Sometimes in his rehearsals," continues Dohnányi, "Abbado will play and play the music but not say anything. This produces a tension, because nothing has really been established. What's more, the players know that Abbado will conduct from memory, but that his memory is not as reliable as Maazel's. So in the concert they have to listen to each other — and it is often a good result because of that."

Just how good is Dohnányi himself? In this country he achieved his best reviews when he conducted Strauss's *Salome* at Covent Garden, a score which he delivered with magisterial clarity. Unfortunately for him, Maria Ewing's history-making decision to unveil everything in the Dance of the Seven Veils did rather steal the headlines.

Never mind. British audiences will have no such distractions at the *Proms* this weekend or the Edinburgh Festival next week, when Dohnányi and the Cleveland Orchestra offer programmes that are typically high on protein and low on sugar: from Birtwistle, Ives, and Webern's orchestration of Bach to neo-classical Stravinsky and epic Mahler and Beethoven. Whatever else may be said of him, Dohnányi pays audiences the compliment of treating them like thinking adults.

He is the grandson of the composer Ernst von Dohnányi (best known for those hilarious piano-and-orchestra variations on "Twinkle, twinkle little star"), while on his mother's side he is related to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian killed by the Nazis. Intending a career in law, Dohnányi switched direction after university, and worked his passage as repetiteur (accompanist) and then conductor in a succession of increasingly classy German opera houses: Lübeck, Kassel, Frankfurt and finally Hamburg, where his brother, usefully, was mayor of the city. "You have to start by following," he says, of his days as an apprentice conductor. "You serve, you learn, then you become your own man. You suddenly feel responsible for what is going to happen to the music. It's like realising that you are a father."

Few conductors of Dohnányi's eminence take *contemporary* music seriously. Dohnányi feels a duty to perform it, but not without misgivings. He believes publishers are too greedy. "For an orchestra to perform contemporary music is extremely expensive; there must be extra rehearsals, the orchestra loses at the box office, and in addition it has to pay a great fee to the publishers." His solution? "Put a luxury tax on old music! Put a 15 per cent levy on Mozart or Mahler performances, and then spend this on contemporary music."

Nevertheless, he is conducting Birtwistle's *Earth Dances* on Saturday, and finds much to annoy him in the way that Birtwistle presents his score. "I was ten days studying that score with the orchestra, and at the end I had eye damage. The notes are far too small, and the woodwind parts suddenly jump down the page. If a player asked me what a particular note was, I couldn't tell him. Sometimes, when Birtwistle was there, even he didn't know."

So would Dohnányi ally himself with the Hecklers, those self-important agitators who are gunning for Birtwistle and others of his cerebral kind? Certainly not. Dohnányi would defend to his last breath Birtwistle's right to compose knotty music. "I love intellectuals," he says. "They are the people who really move this world. It's only Hitler who didn't want them around."

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DANCE: An American troupe makes a belated British debut

Lucinda Childs is the American celebrity who collaborated in the Robert Wilson-Philip Glass opera, *Einstein on the Beach*. She is the actress who appeared with Wilson in his seriously avant-garde play, *I was sitting on my patio*. She is the dancer-choreographer who created pieces such as *Dance* (1979) that in Paris had some spectators storming out enraged while the rest of us sat mesmerised.

Dances 1, 3 and 4 from *Dance* formed the bulk of her opening programme at the Edinburgh Playhouse, the British debut of her 21-year-old company — although she has danced solo in London. Set to Glass's commissioned score (here played on tape), the extracts included Sol Lewitt's spectacular film designs. Black and white celluloid images of dancers performing the same work at times block out the action on stage or semi-transparently superimpose it so that you can see the live dancers behind simultaneously, matching their recorded counterparts. The exhaustive permutations of different camera angles, freeze frames and close-ups enrich and enlarge the performance. There are even split-screen effects in which, for example, the filmed dance occupies only the top half of the proscenium square while the real dance progresses identically below.

Edinburgh highlight: the Lucinda Childs company

The white-dressed dancers spill on and off the stage and film in an exhilarating continuum, feet moving in buoyant lilting skips and turns that exactly mirror Glass's dappled notes and steady pulse. They enter and exit sweepingly and unceasingly, first in pairs, then diversifying their numbers and groupings. They travel in unison, but sometimes shift out of synch, imperceptibly as in a dream. They repeat the same dance phrases over and over — or so you think, because they probably evolve imperceptibly too.

Dances 1 *and* 3 are for an ensemble. Dance 4 is a solo for Childs, her younger celluloid self replicating her present one, her hair as always pulled back in a severely minimalist bun. She traces an invisible geometric shape of strictly ordered lines and circles. She is fulfilling her minimalist credo of a rigorously restricted vocabulary within which she compiles infinite variations.

Her dancers look highly individual, *yet they are* presented impersonally. This is dance that comes as close to abstraction as you can get, but the result is the opposite of *sterile, with* its cascading figures and endlessly modifying patterns. The yellow lighting of *Dance* 3 injects colour into a hitherto monochrome world like a final celebratory cry.

Childs is the empress of minimalist dance, but as in Paris by the end some people had long stumbled out of the Playhouse. You can find her unbearably monotonous or, like me, unbearably exciting.

NADINE MEISNER

Stagecraft plays the starring role

THEATRE: An inventive French *Winter's Tale* at the Royal Lyceum

As Apollo rains down his punishment on the impious Leontes, Paulina cries: "Look down and see what death is doing." Her words are *ostensibly* addressed to the king, abruptly bereft of son and wife, but we can well believe it is to us she speaks, because Stéphane Braunschweig, director and, with Giorgio Barberio Corsetti, also the designer of this production, has steeply tilted the stage so that the stalls can see what is normally possible only from the circle — the ground at the actors' feet.

"Look down at Leontes," she *is saying*, "at us, at the kingdom of Sicily." And we look down as into a pit.

The words she speaks are French, for this is *Le Conte d'Hiver*, produced by Braunschweig for his Théâtre-Machine at the Centre Dramatique National in Orléans. It is a precisely focused production, for the main part.

Headed by Pierre-Alain Chapuis's neurotic Leontes, the roles are strongly cast, but it is for what Braunschweig makes the stage itself contribute to the drama that his production becomes imprinted on the mind.

However, it is by no means a "designer's production" as this phrase is normally used, as a complaint against irrelevant visuals. When the walkways flanking the central *square of white first tilt up*, isolating Irina Dalle's Hermione and the boy Mamillius (Chantal Lavallée, later to play Perdita) as in a display case, it is precisely as a couple on display that we must look on them, along with Chapuis staring down from above.

When it is the centre's turn to tilt, the slope imperils Hermione's stability, and when the fierce cross-lighting reveals a rough surface we had not noticed, it becomes the stone wall of her prison. Always the *movements of the* stage are made to express the shifts in Leontes's mind.

Chapuis gives his laughter a nervy edge from the start. Reclining at his Queen's feet he is in a dream; but, having made his way across to where his boy pats a toy galleon along a pool, his eyes start flickering sideways. His fleshy mouth droops in discontent; a watery smile is as far as his features will go in imitation of *calm. There is comedy here* and absurdity in his early suspicions.

A different comic quality develops in the second half, where the stage has become carpeted and draped with a flower-studded tapestry, symbolising healthy growth. Jean-Marc Eder makes an attractively goofy Clown, though I found my attention wandering during the scene with the tattered Autolycus (Léon Napias). Four hours even with an interval is long for this work. But Braunschweig's vision of the play has given us an interpretation to treasure.

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Iain Sinclair: an arcane vocabulary slows down his narrative, but it has moments of dazzling clarity

RADON DAUGHTERS
By Iain Sinclair
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Iain Sinclair's *Radon Daughters* is a novel which tries to keep its distance from fiction, or at least to detach itself sufficiently from the genre to effect a commentary on it, while still borrowing against the allowances of narrative. The result is a crowded picture, whose highlights are difficult to isolate and thus enjoy, but which nevertheless produces moments of dazzling clarity from the maelstrom of its intentions.

Todd Sileen is a mutilated author who "by refusing to write... has lost command of his fictions, inflicting them on the rest of us". Addicted to poverty and physical desecration, Sileen lives out a waking nightmare in derelict East London, financing a radiation habit by working as a rather ineffectual police informer.

He procures his fixes from illegal X-rays in the basement of the Royal London Hospital at Whitchapel, an attenuated mode of self-destruction which maintains the delicate, ghastly balance of his inner and outer landscapes.

Sileen's controller, the "intelligencer" Drage-Bell, grows impatient with paying him for useless information, and conjures instead a mission designed to impinge on his already tortured imaginative reality. Sileen's quest is to retrieve a supposed sequel to William Hope Hodgson's *The House on the Borderland*, rumoured to be in the hands of an Oxford academic, which Drage-Bell wants for his collection (a reminder, this, of Iain Sinclair's previous profession as a dealer in second-hand books).

"Collecting is the antidote to reading," says Drage-Bell. "Reading is a social misfortune, collection is a vocation — the essence of postmodernism." *The House on the Borderland* is in fact the book which has drawn the geography of Sileen's consciousness, and through which he wanders painfully in futile visions and dreams, unable to ascend the tower which is at its centre.

For Sileen, Drage-Bell's request presents an opportunity to invade the ground between fiction and reality, and perhaps to defend himself against the physical conquest threatened by his own predator, imagination.

Incongruously, even preposterously, Sileen has a chic girlfriend: Helen, a television weathergirl, who occupies a separate strand of the story which weaves around the tangled thread of Sileen's misadventures. Helen and her girl-gang — a former nude model called Andi and a troubled photographer called Sofya — are all attracted to notions of brutality and become variously involved with Imar O'Hagan, a ludicrous painter whose character is sketched according to bohemian cliché, who intersperses his schedule of violent self-portraiture with an endlessly replenished series of sexual conquests.

In thrall to the conveyor belt of O'Hagan's brush-in-hand attentions, the girls unwittingly deliver mysterious bags for him to locations which later explode. Meanwhile, Helen and Andi explore their love of counterculture further by arranging a women's bareknuckle boxing match for the delectation of gangland.

Sinclair's conception of fiction as a controlled state, the overthrow of which unleashes versions of chaos, certainly makes for the better moments of *Radon Daughters*. As Sileen — an author who has relinquished his authority — becomes a walking cadaver on whom the vultures of culture prey, his victimisation by reality adumbrates this loss of protection.

The mysterious character of Sammy Taylor, an anti-art campaigner who Sileen believes has chosen him as the object of his terrorism, provides the definitive commentary with his pamphleteering: "GIVE UP ART SAVE THE STARVING... To continue to produce art is to addict ourselves to our own repressions."

The prosodic migraine of Sinclair's style (the novel is full of sentences like "He trenched a clabbered groin") is undoubtedly 'extraordinary, but there are too many places where it operates unjustifiably as a handbrake on narrative progression. An overcrowding of words can obscure rather than illuminate, and Sinclair's ability to explode things by looking at them closely enough often results in a strange asphyxiation of meaning. Nevertheless, when he gets it right he is difficult to match: "She lets it dangle, his winkie, to her friend's alarm. Yuk! Pearl grey, short and thick. Lolling like a dead pigeon's head."

What emerges from Sinclair's deranged dictionary is a text warring against subjectivity. Beyond it is a culture whose drama, half-glimpsed and haunting, remains a solipsistic dystopia.

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By Alice Thomas Ellis
Viking, £14

A series of sparkling vignettes, Alice Thomas Ellis's new collection of short stories examines the glittering fragments of a broken world.

In the opening tale, "The Evening of Adam", Thomas Ellis portrays a modern idyll of pastoral contentment. The young academic and his wife living in their country cottage, with lupins lining the garden path and a baby slumbering under the greengage tree. But their world is not the "little earthly paradise" it might seem. A sinister disquietude seeps through the fissures in their brittle relationship.

Eve, the protagonist, sees "the backside of the angel". "What I think", she says, "is that there is one god of the wild violets and the kittens, and possibly of the sunrise, and another of the torture chambers, and what worries me is that if I have to follow one, I have to follow the one who allows the torture to take place".

This is the painful paradox which Thomas Ellis explores. The ambiguities and contradictions faced by fallen man. Though she plays with all the insignia of the traditional fairy tale, in her world there is no place for the moral fable, where good and evil are clearly marked. Eve thinks of the "bare-footed goose-girl" of the story book. "Pale-haired in the dark forests, followed by a flock of devoted fowl, she would endure until she won."

But won *what*? Though in fairy-tales the tribulations all end in marriage, in Thomas Ellis's world such neat resolutions are no longer possible. It is at the point where relationships begin that trials and self-questioning also start.

The stories, moving forwards in a series of fractured thoughts and conversations, examine the tragic rifts in human communication. A veneer of domesticity, a life of sorting linen cupboards, preparing lunch, ironing handkerchieves, and picking caterpillars off the cabbages, cannot gloss over the abyss.

In her portrayal of the relationships between men and women, Thomas Ellis explores by analogy the interconnection between the conscious and the unconscious aspects of the mind, between the rationality of a patriarchal value system which has dominated Western modes of thought, and that diffusion of consciousness, that feminine energy which such masculine systems have traditionally sought to repress.

Mysterious and irrational forces of death and nature insinuate themselves into the tales. A woman becomes obsessed with the spider on her balcony, rats haunt the world of a lonely housewife, the threat of murder lurks on the fringes of a group of holiday-makers telling stories one Arabian night.

A cat, silent and elusive, prowls through the texts, stalking the shadowlands of thought. Rhythms of the body and the unconscious break through the defences of convention. Gaps in relationships yawn gradually wider as the mind slowly dissolves into madness.

Yet the tone of this collection is not solemn or oppressive. A dexterous and subtle wit is always at work, undermining the tragedy and poking fun. Thomas Ellis has an acute sense of the absurd.

Perhaps it is the last and shortest story, "A Tale From Kashmir", which best sums the collection up. All man can have, it suggests, is the paradox of simultaneous laughter and tears. And perhaps a sense of hope too.

Alice Thomas Ellis's own profound religious belief is reflected in her work. The enigmatic endings of so many of her stories, the recurrent images of babies and children, the presence of the rising moon, all gesture towards the possibility of some "otherness" beyond, some unarticulated potentiality. Only an imagination freed from rationalistic strictures, only a leap of faith perhaps, can grasp it. The evening of Adam flows out into the wider mysteries of the night.

Dr Campbell-Johnston has been a shepherdess, a writer and a journalist.

The meaning of middle age

Catherine Milton

WHEN THE WORLD WAS STEADY
By Claire Messud
Granta, £14.99

Anyone who has been in a bookshop recently cannot fail to have noticed the plethora of self-help manuals now available. *When The World Was Steady* suggests they are unlikely to help anyone except their authors.

Claire Messud's first novel is an ambitious work about the frustrations of the search for meaning in life. The book chronicles the travails of two middle-aged sisters, both confronting separate disappointments, who set off on separate inconclusive searches for themselves. One, Emmy Simpson, has unsuccessfully sought the good life in Australia. The other, Virginia, has never recovered from an early disappointment in love, eventually settling for a life looking after her mother.

The novel is mainly set in Bali and London. Bali is the place Emmy chooses at random to seek refuge from a bruising divorce. Her firm belief in luck as an earned commodity has been shaken by her husband's affair and her daughter's decision to drop out of university and live with her lover.

To recover her self-possession, she decides to tackle a demanding climb up a sacred mountain. When she reaches the top, after a long, and not very vividly written, climb, it is raining and she is disappointed. So the tone for the book is set.

Meanwhile in London, Virginia's faith in a steady world begins to crumble when she falls in unrequited lust with her unappealing boss. The rest of her illusions are stripped away when she spots her local parson, a homophobic pulpit-thumper, locked in passion with a male member of the tense little prayer group she attends with other lost souls.

Claire Messud: intellectual treatment of the emotions

The author describes the frenzied minutiae of feelings with precision. The three-second passion Emmy has for Buddy in the first flush of her arrival at the top of the mountain, and her self-loathing at the crush when she reaches its foot, is a well-observed saga all of its own.

Messud has a bleak view of sex. Sex is inextricably linked with men's power and hypocrisy and women's fear of men and desire for children. Emmy is disgusted by the sexual power of neo-colonialism, observing the way Buddy's supposed power to provide an Australian immigration visa forces one woman to continue her affair with him even though she and his teenage son have fallen for each other. The most women can get out of sex, Messud suggests, is children. And they are both a *source of power and a trap*.

In all 270 pages, no one has a wholly satisfactory relationship, although people are at various times briefly reconciled or resigned to each other. The novel ends as it begins, with the sisters together; they meet at her daughter's wedding in Sydney. Their "natures", as the prologue states, remain "at once as fluid as air and as fixed as concrete and, above all, eternally opposed to one another".

When the World was Steady is truly thought-provoking, but only patchily engaging. Both a strength and a weakness of the book is that Messud does not shrink from telling the truth about life, however dull. The sisters are naive and a little insipid. Their lives are neither glamorous nor dangerous, nor even particularly sad or tortured.

Indeed, Messud is not primarily concerned with evoking an emotional response. Rather, she challenges the reader to understand the particular predicaments in which the sisters find themselves. Claire Messud has succeeded at the first attempt in her difficult task of writing an intellectual novel about the emotions.

Pondering the rose of romance

Simon Sebag Montefiore

THE ROMANTIC MOVEMENT
By Alain de Botton
Macmillan, £14.99

It takes a most accomplished novelist to take the prosaic, ordinary routines and customs of an unexceptional modern love affair and transform them into an exquisitely written and learned study of love in the real world. But this is what Alain de Botton, still only 24, has done with his second novel, *The Romantic Movement*.

De Botton's idea of a *philosophical analysis of an ordinary* relationship smacks of precious writing. Any such exercise which insists on using diagrams and endless quotations from philosophers would become tiresomely pretentious in the hands of a second-rate writer. There are, indeed, places where his relentless analysis does become precious. Yet de Botton's wit, curiosity and originality make him more than equal to the task.

The novel is the story of Alice, in her early twenties, middle-class, ordinary, with a sensible job and lots of friends, but lonely because she is not in love. Just when she is getting so desperate that she is receiving love letters from the acned youth at her bakery, she meets an investment banker in his late twenties named Eric, and the two have a love affair for a few months that reaches a high and then begins to fall off after a holiday.

The arrival of the cultured Philip complicates matters, but finally their flirtation ends disastrously in an embarrassing scene from which Alice awkwardly withdraws. Only when Alice and Eric have broken up, on the last page, do Philip and Alice meet again.

In many ways, the story could not be more familiar: it is the telling that makes it exceptional. The theme is "the farcical rounds of miscommunication lazily referred to as relationships". The descriptions of the precise course, meaning and significance of the thoughts and actions of the characters are as brilliant as the detail is relentless.

The analysis of their two sexual histories meeting at their coupling is perfect; the satires on the people-watching in a fashionable restaurant, the effect of the weather forecast on the female psyche and Alice's addiction to shopping are most entertaining and completely accurate.

In the middle of the novel, de Botton devotes a series of chapters to examining the couple's "value systems", tastes and attitudes to love.

Alain de Botton: sex and shopping for philosophy

The highlight is the use of train-track diagrams to discuss predictability in a relationship, comparing the contradictions of Flaubert with those of Eric, to ask why contradictions should be regarded as contradictions at all.

As the author sketches Eric, we gradually realise how commonplace he is. The most ghastly moment of any relationship is rendered with shocking clarity when Alice, looking at Eric, suddenly realises that he is a most ordinary man. Their falling out is tortuously plotted.

One of the chapters in the book is called "Diving, Rousseau and Thinking Too Much". This unfortunately sums up the failings of the book: de Botton simply *analyses too much without* letting the characters demonstrate his points for him. His erudite knowledge of philosophy, literature and history is impressive but it does not belong here. Few readers enjoy having the superiority of the author thrust down their throats.

This does not prevent these observations from being brilliant. There are simply too many of them: for example, when de Botton wants to demonstrate how people's general philosophies are in fact the direct result of their personal experiences — which is not a difficult idea to grasp — he presents anecdotes on both Schopenhauer and La Rochefoucauld. Both are great stories — but one would have been enough.

These faults do not subtract from the success of a novel that places its author in the first rank of young British novelists. The book is difficult to penetrate; but once penetrated, it is enormously enjoyable. It gives every prosaic thought and caress the significance of a philosophical ballet. This novel is nothing less than a guide to the lies, truths and foibles of modern love.

Devilish Tasmanian

Lucy Berrington

TASMA: The Life of Jessie Couvreur
Patricia Clarke
Cassell, £14.99

Political correctness is crowding our shelves with the biographies of mislaid 19th-century women writers. Despite the good intentions of her biographer Patricia Clarke, this one is doomed to stay forgotten.

Jessie Couvreur was born in 1848 and spent part of her early life in Tasmania, whence she took her pseudonym "Tasma". Moving to Europe, she became a celebrated lecturer and novelist, and one of the earliest woman foreign *correspondents of The Times*. She defied convention in her personal life, too: in 1883 she extracted herself from her first dismal marriage, though she sank straight into her second.

Touring Europe she met intense parochialism masquerading as cosmopolitan thought. Tasma mocked a European merchant "who, when it was suggested he visit Australia to sell his clothing fabrics, exclaimed in surprise, 'One *dresses* over there!'."

Tasma always seems remote in this *Life*. One suspects, as well, that Clarke exaggerates Tasma's achievements. She raves about the reception of Tasma's numerous novels, but literary esteem (one reviewer called her "the Australian Jane Austen") came far easier then than now. Tasma found journalism frustrating: she struggled to achieve the degree of impartiality demanded by *The Times*, and complained about the shortage of space. Foreign correspondents still do both.

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The novel to end all Great War novels

Ian Brunskill

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT
By Erich Maria Remarque
Jonathan Cape, £14.99

WITHIN three months of its publication in 1929, Erich Maria Remarque's autobiographical novel of life in the German trenches of the Great War had sold more than half a million copies. In the 65 years since, *Im Westen Nichts Neues* has been translated into 45 languages and become probably the best-known — and the best-selling — work in German literature. Brian Murdoch's new English version, issued in *time to mark the 80th* anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, shows that Remarque's evocation of the horrors of modern warfare has lost none of its force.

The author's own experience as a teenage soldier in Flanders during 1917-18 gives his fictional narrative a persuasive directness and richness of detail. Through the eyes of 19-year-old Paul *Bäumer the novel follows the* progress of a group of young recruits who enlist with the naive enthusiasm of schoolboys but face death, only weeks or months later, with the bitter cynicism of old men.

Intended simply as "an account of a generation that was destroyed by the war — even those of it who survived the shelling", the book in fact protests at the futility of mechanised slaughter with a sober conviction that is more effective than explicit polemic.

Remarque: sober protest

The power of Remarque's restrained protest was acknowledged not only by its enthusiastic readers, but also by the Nazis, who publicly burnt the book in 1933 and deprived its author (by then resident in Switzerland) of his citizenship in 1938. Had he remained in Germany the novelist would undoubtedly have met the same fate as his *sister, executed in 1943* for "defeatism".

The novel's resonance owes something to its lack of literary refinement. Murdoch's translation captures the compelling banality of Remarque's prose, as it moves awkwardly between bare description, lyrical excursion and poignant reflection.

Remarque's characterisation is crude. The trenches of northern France and the miserable streets of wartime Germany are filled with vivid stereotypes: the sanctimonious schoolmaster; the bullying drill sergeant; the wily, good-natured old hand teaching new recruits the rudiments of survival; the farmer worrying about the harvest even as the shells rain down.

But stereotypes like these are what war reduces men to: that is the book's enduring theme. In a fusion of style and subject he was never able to repeat, Remarque proclaims the survival of humanity amid the brutalisation of battle.

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Reflecting on the success of Bob Hawke as Labor Prime Minister of Australia, **Gerald Kaufman** sends an open letter to Tony Blair

Up the greasy pole down under

Public grief: Bob Hawke is defeated by Paul Keating in 1991

Dear Tony Blair,
You want to win the next election? You want to win the next *four* elections? Then take tips from a fellow-Labour expert: no, not Harold Wilson, whose recipe, not used since 1974, has gone stale, but from Bob Hawke, elected Labor (as they call it there) Prime Minister of Australia for the fourth time as recently as 1990.

First, a few ingredients for success that you have already acquired. Like Hawke you got yourself an Oxford education (and, what is more, without the disadvantage of being, as he admits he was, "just another bloody colonial"); like Hawke you have acquired legal qualifications.

If (but surely not) you possess any character defects, suppress them. Hawke, having been a heavy drinker, throughout his years as Labor leader kept a vow to stay teetotal. While I am sure that you have not been and never will be tempted thus, Hawke confesses (in two — and no more — absolutely tantalising words) — to "my infidelities". In no circumstances weep in public, as Hawke did when it was revealed that one of his daughters was a heroin addict.

Then there's another item of Hawke advice which you already show signs of following but which cannot be emphasised too often. Do not let yourself be diverted from the path to office by Labour's Left, castigated by Hawke as "the most pathetic sight in politics — squatting under the banyan tree wrapped in the warm euphoria of their principles, and a million miles from being in power". Instead, as he did, take note of the sensible aspirations of the Right who, while not being "uniformly attractive characters . . . had the redeeming characteristic of wanting to win".

Revel in high polling ratings when you get them; but remember, as Hawke did when his popularity rose to 75%, that such kudos is "transient". At your most popular, do not be taken in by sycophants. Hawke records ruefully as "a lesson I never completely learnt" that "the only person you could absolutely rely on was someone who looked you straight in the eye and said he or she was not going to vote for you".

Once in power, stick to a few basic principles — Hawke's were protection of the environment, hostility to racialism, the alliance with the USA and, above all, a sound economy — and otherwise follow the pragmatic course as and when necessary. Hawke took the unusual stance for a Labor leader (though with the support of the rest of the trade union movement) of breaking not only an airline pilots' strike but the airline pilots' union as well. He promised that, if the Labor Party insisted on banning uranium exports, he "would reluctantly support it," but then trampled unrepentantly on those party members who "from the high moral ground" advocated this "waffly" policy.

THE HAWKE MEMOIRS
By Bob Hawke
Heinemann, £20

Do not let your socialism at home decide who your friends should be abroad. Hawke was "unimpressed" with New Zealand's Labor Prime Minister, David Lange, with whom, he complains, "it was virtually impossible to have a serious conversation . . . for any length of time". On the other hand, while he disagreed strongly with Margaret Thatcher and believed that "while she had first-class application, she did not always display a first-class mind", he concedes that she "was the hardest working head of government I ever met".

Hawke admired Ronald Reagan, averring that this right-wing American President "accurately characterised" the Soviet Union as an "evil empire". He liked George Bush so much that he provided advice — which he believes was both accepted and implemented — on how this Republican could defeat the Democrat Michael Dukakis, whose politics ought to have been more congenial to Hawke, but whom the Australian found to be "a tense individual with a large set of stock phrases".

Tony, after you have been in office for a substantial number of years do not groom a successor, do not promise such a successor that you will stand down as Prime Minister at a stated time, and if you do blunder into such a promise do not break it.

Hawke committed all three of these fundamental errors, was consequently challenged and beaten by his chosen heir, Paul Keating. As an ousted Prime Minister, Hawke is now left with no recourse but to spew venom on Keating: for his "tardiness in keeping appointments", being "a late arriver and an early leaver", being "consumed . . . by ambition", finding it "difficult to look you in the eye when he is talking to you", "contempt for others", "unpopularity with the electorate", "erratic behaviour", playing a "dishonourable role" and being "vainglorious and arrogant, disloyal and contemptuous of everyone on the political stage but himself". If you use language like this, people may gain the impression that you have something against the fellow.

Discounting the vanity to which every politician is prey, Hawke emerges from these very many pages as a decent and dedicated man who loves his homeland as "the best country on earth" (as distinct from Keating whom he accuses of describing it as "the arse-end of the world"). He sought nothing more than to be "essentially a dinky-di Australian". Unfortunately, like that other multiple election-winner Margaret Thatcher, he did not recognise the right moment to pack up and get out — a pitfall into which I hope in the fullness of years you will not fall, Tony. So his memoirs, which should have recorded an almost uninterrupted success story, are marred by the stale aroma of bitterness.

Idols of the Baltic dukes

Anatol Lieven

LITHUANIA ASCENDING
A Pagan Empire within East-Central Europe, 1295-1345
By S.C. Rowell
Cambridge University Press, £45

UNTIL recently, Lithuania was not only buried in the vast bulk of the Soviet Union, but even its history was largely lost, expropriated by its larger neighbours. Yet the fact that Lithuania's pagan monarchy survived in the midst of Christendom, and became the largest European state of its time, is one of the most fascinating stories of the Middle Ages.

By the time the Grand Duke of Lithuania abandoned his ancestral gods and converted to Roman Catholicism in 1387, this small area near the Baltic Sea had expanded until it directly or indirectly controlled the great bulk of what are now Byelorussia and Ukraine, and a good slice of western Russia as well. At this point, the Lithuanian frontier was within a hundred miles of Moscow. If the Grand Dukes had chosen Orthodoxy rather than Catholicism, Lithuania would have been a formidable rival to Muscovy for the leadership of Slav Orthodoxy. If the dukes had not existed, the Teutonic Knights would have pushed German colonisation much further East.

S.C. ROWELL'S book covers the key period of Lithuanian expansion under the Grand Duke Gediminas (Gedymin). At this point, although for reasons of diplomacy the Lithuanian rulers were already flirting with conversion to Christianity, most of Lithuanian society was still firmly pagan. Catholic monks were allowed to live in the capital, Vilnius, to minister to Catholic merchants and act as intermediaries with Christian Europe. If, carried away by zeal, they started to preach in public, they were promptly tortured and thrown into the river.

This firm policy of cultural protectionism would doubtless appeal to many in our own time. The stubbornness with which the Lithuanians defended their traditions, 300 years after most of their neighbours had adopted Christianity, has been recalled in our own time by their struggle to preserve their culture against Sovietisation, and finally to win independence.

Rowell's book is a formidably detailed and researched account of the military and diplomatic history of the early Grand Duchy, and is likely to become the standard work. It is a pity, however, that he did not devote a little more time to cultural questions, and their implications for the later development of the region.

For although drowning missionaries was doubtless justifiable, it did have one severe disadvantage for Lithuania. Throughout Eastern Europe, Christian monks created alphabets for the newly converted peoples. *Unlike* its Orthodox and Catholic neighbours, Lithuania was very slow to develop its own written language. The Lithuanian dukes had to rely on Orthodox scribes, writing in Slavonic and in the Cyrillic alphabet.

THIS has led Polish, Byelorussian and Ukranian historians to claim — quite wrongly — that from its beginnings Greater Lithuania was in fact a Slavonic state. Contemporary Byelorussia, lacking any state tradition of its own, has indeed seized on the Lithuanian Grand Duchy as its ancestor and, to the irritation of the Lithuanians, has adopted several of its symbols.

The lack of a written language placed Lithuanian culture and language at a hopeless disadvantage compared to Polish when the two countries joined under one monarchy in 1387. So steeply did the use of Lithuanian by the elite decline that by the 16th century, although "Lithuania" made up more than half of the monarchy's lands, Lithuanian was not even among the seven official languages.

This was a sadly limited fate for so grand and inspiring a tradition. It is one from which Lithuanian culture has still fully to liberate itself.

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Torturing language

Stella Tillyard

THE POLITICS OF CRUELTY
An Essay on the Literature of Political Imprisonment
By Kate Millett
Viking, £18

Kate Millett's writing life has been a long struggle against forms of coercive power embodied as authority. In *Sexual Politics* she attacked patriarchy, and in *The Loony Bin Trip*, those who described and prescribed for the limits of normality. Now in *The Politics of Cruelty*, she directs her polemic against states and public bodies which use torture to dehumanise individuals and assert their total power.

Millett's essay takes the form of descriptions of books and films about torture, often graphic recreations of first person narratives, and descriptions of photography showing torture in progress. They are tentatively linked by strictures on the phenomenon of torture, the nature of state authority, and the value of authorial outrage. After describing the gradual decline of torture as part of the legal process since the 19th century, Millett charts its re-emergence in the 20th as an instrument of state power, no longer the means of extracting a confession from an individual suspect but a way of silencing political opposition.

Her examples — some familiar, many horribly new — make sickening reading. From Primo Levi in Auschwitz to the journalist Henri Alleg in Algeria, the methods and results of torture are much the same.

Kate Millett: outspoken

Detention is followed by sleep deprivation, sensory excess or absence, and all manner of physical cruelty, from beatings to electric shocks, submersion in water and scorching by fire. Most prisoners capitulate and many have been killed. Some survive, although as Levi's suicide showed, the pain of remembering and witnessing may be too great to bear. The existence of torture anywhere compromises our humanity and its use on detainees in Northern Ireland compromises our own democracy.

Millett's account reminds us of this, and yet its message is blunted both by hazy definitions and an overbearing authorial presence. Motivated by hatred of the state which, she says, makes all citizens feel like criminals, she cites only one example of torture (or, strictly speaking, of execution) carried on outside the ambit of state authority — the "necklacing" of a black policeman by an angry crowd in Soweto.

Thus, although the treatment of detainees in Northern Ireland in the 1970s is rightly condemned, no mention is made of torture practised by IRA members (or "dissident Irish colonials" as Millett ludicrously calls them) or by Protestant paramilitaries. Elsewhere Millett is over inclusive, taking Levi's experience in Auschwitz as one of torture, when it must always be seen as one of genocide.

The fact that Millett takes it upon herself to describe, almost to recreate, Levi's suffering for us reveals a confusion at the heart of her book. Using an emotional, interventionist prose that served feminists well in the 1970s but is out of place here, she tries to do two things: first, to bear witness to the pain of the tortured and, second, to explain and "speak out" against the phenomenon. The latter task demands more dispassionate analysis, more detailed historiography, and a sounder definitional framework. The first is best left to Levi alone. *If this be a Man* needs no explication; it only needs to be read by all.

Mecca to Agra

Margaret Erskine

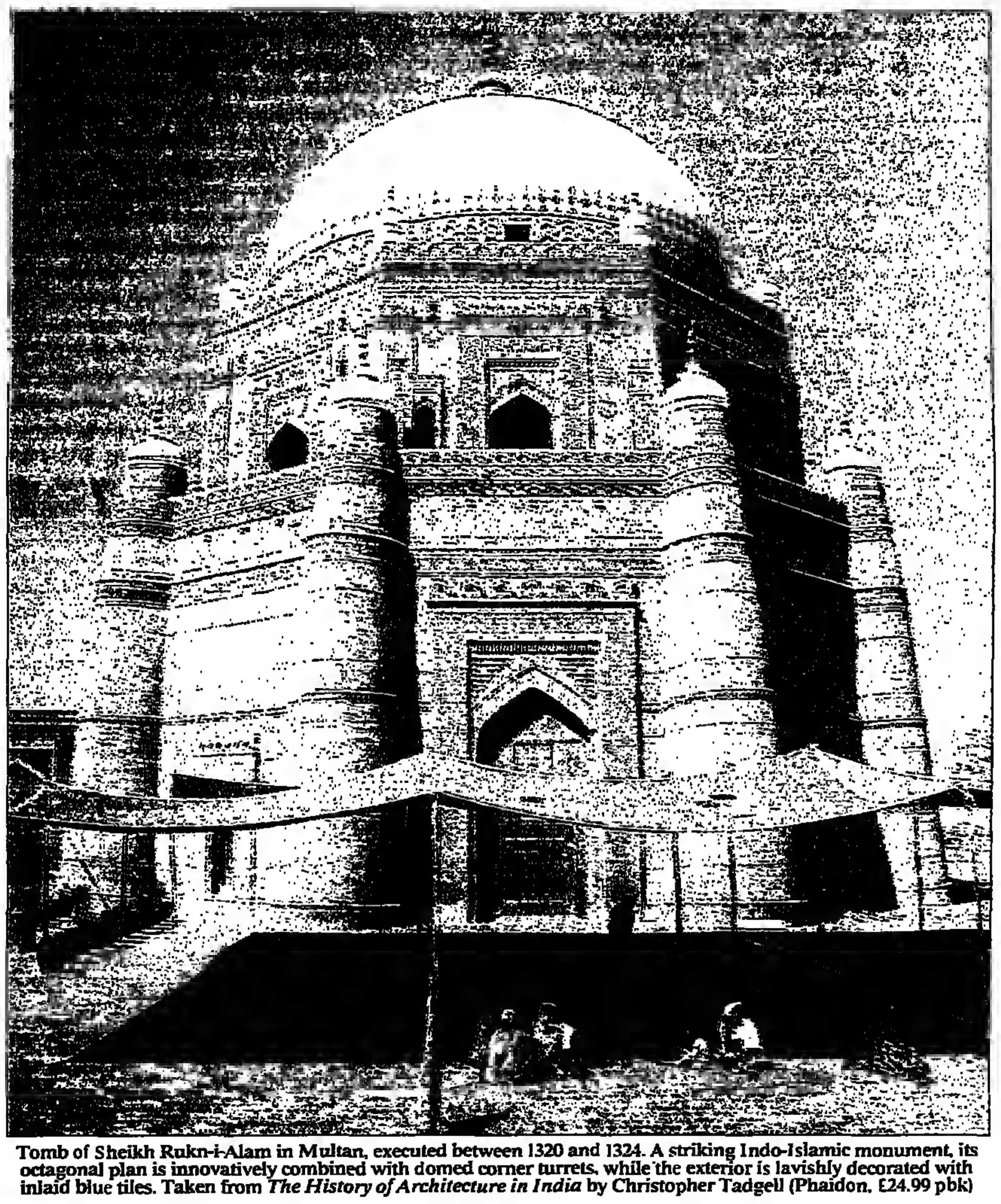
THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF ISLAM 1250-1800
By Sheila S. Blair and Jonathan M. Bloom
Yale University Press, £45

Research into Islamic art has grown tremendously in recent years and *The Art and Architecture of Islam: 1250-1800* is a superb example of the work being done in this field. When planning the Pelican History of Art (now thankfully taken over by Yale), Sir Nikolaus Pevsner originally envisaged only one volume devoted to Islamic arts. But after the late Richard Ettinghausen and Oleg Grabar embarked on their huge task in 1959, interest in the subject developed so fast that it became necessary to divide the work into two, and their volume stopped at 1250.

Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom have now brilliantly concluded the task that began some 35 years ago. The festivals of Islam and India staged in London in 1976 and 1982 showed how much interest and enthusiasm for the subject can be generated among non-specialists, and scholar and layman alike now have an overview of the glories of Islamic art.

Since the birth of the Prophet in Syria in the 7th century AD, Islam has spread over many countries and cultures, from the Iberian peninsula across the Middle East to the coast of Bengal. Blair and Bloom cover each region in turn and deal separately with architecture and the decorative and fine arts. Muslim patronage and the politics of each dynasty receive due consideration, and the excellent architectural photographs and diagrams helpfully illustrate the development of Islamic architecture, from the tranquil beauty of Spain's Alhambra (mostly 14th century) to the majesty of the Taj Mahal at Agra (mid-17th century).

But architecture and fine arts are not the only areas in which Islamic culture challenges our ideas of Western supremacy. When the Ilkhanid ruler Ghazan Khan of Iran broke away from Chinese control in 1295, his prime minister Rashid al-Din established a scriptorium near Tabriz employing over 200 calligraphers, artists and illuminators. The most famous of all the Ilkhanid scribes, Yaqut al-Musta'simi, trained a group of six calligraphers from whom generations of Iranian and Turkish scribes were to claim descent.


Tomb of Sheikh Rukn-i-Alam in Multan, executed between 1320 and 1324. A striking Indo-Islamic monument, its octagonal plan is innovatively combined with domed corner turrets, while the exterior is lavishly decorated with inlaid blue tiles. Taken from *The History of Architecture in India* by Christopher Tadgell (Phaidon, £24.99 pbk)

Timur (1336-1405), Marlowe's Tamburlaine, founded the powerful Timurid dynasty in Central Asia, establishing centres of art and culture at Samarkand, Bukhara and Herat. Hundreds of masons were brought from Iran and India, and material was hauled on the backs of elephants, to build Samarkand; the ambassador of Henry III of Castille was overwhelmed by the splendour of the city.

The history of its construction was later recorded by Iran's most famous painter, Bihzad, in the 15th century. Bihzad was in every sense an "Old Master". His workshop at Tabriz produced some of the finest Persian manuscripts, including the fabulous *Shahnama*, executed for the Safavid ruler Shah Tahmasp.

The political and artistic importance of this manuscript can be measured by the fact that Tahmasp later presented it to the Ottoman emperor Selim II as a peace offering. The influence of these artists was not confined to Iran or Turkey. Returning to India after 15 years' exile at Tahmasp's court, the Mogul emperor Humayun took with him the Persian artists who founded the famous school of Mogul painting.

The fall of Constantinople in 1453 to the Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II is well known for the shock it gave to the West, but for the East it heralded the dawn of a new splendour. The Ottoman Empire now stretched across the Middle East into Europe proper; with the reign of Suleyman the Magnificent (1520-66) it reached its apogee. Suleyman's court architect Sinan accompanied him on his campaigns and his influence was seen on bridges and palaces as well as mosques, from Buda in Hungary to Mecca in Arabia.

European artists and architects gazed with fascination at their Muslim counterparts: Rembrandt is known to have collected and copied Indian miniatures before being forced to sell his collection in 1656. Many British buildings, from Elveden in Suffolk to the Royal Pavilion in Brighton, owe much to the influence of Islam. Blair and Bloom's route through the history and geography of Islamic art and culture gives much insight into this fabulous treasury.

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ALPHABETICAL SUBJECT GUIDE TO DEGREE COURSES IN THE SCIENCES

How the clearing system works

CANDIDATES still looking for a degree course in a science subject have much more choice than last year, although vacancies in the top universities are likely to disappear quickly.

Today's listing, which covers science and mathematics, has many more entries than last year's equivalent. Although a few subjects - notably medicine and veterinary science - are already full, most have plenty of vacancies.

Applicants should find themselves in a seller's market in some subjects. In mathematics, for example, fewer people have applied for places than were admitted to higher education last year.

The Times is the only newspaper providing a daily listing service detailing vacancies subject-by-subject. Tomorrow, we cover engineering and technology, returning to the arts and social sciences Saturday. The subject vacancies will follow the same three-day cycle for the next four weeks.

After studying the lists, applicants should start ringing admissions tutors directly. All candidates who either missed their grades or failed to get a university offer are automatically sent instructions for clearing and a "passport" or clearing entry form (Cef). The passport has a six-digit number preceded by a C for clearing in the top right-hand corner. Universities will ask for this number before they deal with you when you telephone.

Listen carefully to admissions tutors. Only send your Cef form to the university or college when the tutor makes a formal commitment. Either take the form yourself or send it by first-class post to the admissions tutor with a self-addressed envelope stamped first-class. Speed is important. While your form is with the university, you can't apply elsewhere.

Some universities say they will be able to process applications made in person within a day. By post, it is likely to take up to a week. If you do trust the post, and you don't get a quick response, ring again. Time is vital and you should not let tutors sit on your *application form.* Keep asking them what is happening to it. Are they going to make you an offer?

If the institution decides to make a definite offer it will write to you directly. Check the details carefully to ensure the course is the one you wanted. If you accept the offer, the university will complete part two of your Cef and return it to Ucas. When Ucas confirms, you are no longer in clearing and cannot change your mind and apply elsewhere.

If you decline the offer, your Cef will be returned and you are back to square one. *If you are rejected, it is* worth considering applying to a less popular subject or institution. Higher National Diploma courses have lower entry requirements and many allow bright students to switch to equivalent degree courses after the first year.

Remember, universities need students and will always compete for the best. Do not be rushed into a hasty acceptance.

☐ Applicants are advised to use the following telephone numbers in preference to those listed yesterday:

Oxford Brookes Univ 0865 483040
Cardiff Univ 0222 874412
Durham Univ 091 374 7410
Goldsmiths' Coll 081 694 8000
Warwick Univ 0203 533544

AGRICULTURE/ AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Cranfield: D921 (14)
Edinburgh: D200 (14), D206 (14)
Glasgow: D860, L130, D820,
Harper Adams: H3N1 (6)
Newcastle: D2N1 (10), L130 (10), D206 (8), D200 (14), D244 (14), D240 (8), D253 (14), D960 (8), D970 (8)
Plymouth: D200, D201, D202, D955
Reading: D200 (12), L130 (14), D242 (14), D240 (12), D255 (14), D253 (12), D230 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: D201 (10), D206 (10), D205 (10), D2N1 (12), D270 (14), L130 (16)

ANALYTICAL SCIENCE

Birmingham: F180 (14)
Greenwich: Y1T2, Y120, Y128

ANATOMY

Dundee: B142 (12), B170 (12)
Glasgow: B140
London, UCL: B143 (22)

ANIMAL SCIENCE

E London: C300
Newcastle: D224 (14), D220 (8), C180 (6)

AQUACULTURE

Glasgow: C174
Hull: C174 (14)

ASTRONOMY

Central Lancs: F500
Glasgow: FG51, FF35
Hertfordshire: F5N1, F5G5, F5L1, F5F9, F5F6, F5B1, F5H7, F5D1, F5N2, F5F3
London, QMW: F500 (8), F503 (12), FG51 (12)
London, UCL: F300 (20), F502 (20), FF53 (20), FF5H (20), F654 (16), GF15 (22)
Newcastle: F520 (12), F321 (8)

ASTROPHYSICS

Central Lancs: F520
Leicester: F3F5 (14), F303 (16)
London, King's Coll: F3F3 (14)
London, RH: F3F3 (14)
London, QMW: F323 (12), F326 (8), GF15 (12)
London, UCL: F326 (20), F527 (20)
Newcastle: F320 (12), F321 (8)
York: F3F5 (12)

BIOCHEMISTRY

Birmingham: C700 (18), C720 (18), C7J8 (18), C7C6 (18)
Brunel: C710 (12), C711 (12), C712 (12), C720 (12), C721 (12)
Central Lancs: C700 (8)
Coventry: F1C7, C700, C7T2
Dundee: C700 (12), BC27 (12)
E London: C700
Glasgow: C700, CF76
Greenwich: C700, C708, C7T2
Heriot-Watt: C700
Huddersfield: F1C7
Kent: C700 (10), C500 (10), C101 (4)
Kingston: C700 (4)
Lancaster: C700 (12)
Leeds: C7C6 (16)
Liverpool: C700 (18), C701 (18), CC1R (18), CC17 (18)
London, Imperial: C700 (20), C7N1 (18), C702 (20), C701 (20), FC17 (22), CF71 (22)
London, King's Coll: C700 (16), CC79 (16), CC57 (16), BC27 (16), BC17 (16), C7T9 (16)
London, QMW: C700 (12), C7C5 (12)
London, RH: C624 (14), C700 (14), C720 (14), C7N1 (14)
N London: C700
Nescot: C120
Newcastle: C700 (18)
Paisley: G710
Reading: C700 (12), C750 (12)
Surrey: C700, C705, C720, C706,
UMIST: C700 (24), C722 (24), C7C6 (24), C7J8 (24), C7R2 (24)
Wales, Cardiff: C600 (16), C701 (16), C720 (16), C7C6 (16), CF71 (12), BC17 (14)
Wolverhampton: Y600, C700
York: C700 (16), C705 (16)

BIOLOGY

Aston: C112 (10), CF11 (18), CG11 (24), CG15 (18), CL14 (22), CN11 (22), RC21 (18)
Bath: C100 (16)
Brighton: C120, Y100
Brunel: C110 (12), C111 (12), C112 (12), C190 (12), C191 (12), C192 (12)
Buckingham: MC39 (12), C100 (8), C8C1 (10)
City Coll Norwich: C100
Coventry: C100, CF11, C110, CT12, CL11, CR11, CL18, CR12, GC41, CG11
Cranfield, RMCS: C100
Dundee: C100 (12)
Durham: C100 (20)
E London: C110
Glamorgan: C100
Glasgow: C304, C174, C140, D220
Greenwich: C110, C199, C999, C118, B150, C1T2, C160, C168
Heriot-Watt: C120
Huddersfield: C621
Hull: C100 (14)
Kingston: C199 (10), CF11 (6), CF13 (4), CR11 (4), CF18 (6), C110 (6), C120 (6)
Lancaster: C100 (12)
Liverpool: C100 (18), C110 (20), C141 (18), C160 (18), C172 (18), C176 (20), C140 (18), C980 (18), CC1B (18), CC17 (18)
London, Imperial: C100 (20), C1N1 (20), C1C5 (20), C102 (20)
London, King's Coll: C1T9 (16), C101 (16), C140 (16)
London, QMW: C100 (12), C172 (14), C1N1 (14), CF11 (12), C020 (12)
London, RH: C100 (14), C160 (14), CF18 (20)
London, UCL: B143 (22)
LSU, Coll: C1G5, C1L8, C1G1
Manchester Metro: C110, C119, C100, CG11, CG1C, CF11, CH1F, CF19, CF12, CL13
N London: C120
Napier: C120
Nescot: C120
Newcastle: C260 (6), C110 (14), C100 (16), C160 (12)
Nottingham Trent: C110 (12), CF11, CG15, CG11, CF13, GC51, C118, F118
Oxford, Brookes: CG14, CF18, CF11, CN17, CG15, CL11, CF19, CH12, CT19, CR12, CV11, CG1M, CN1N, CG11, CW13, CF1H, CF13, CK14, CF15, CN15
Paisley: C100
Plymouth: C100
Reading: C100 (12), C124 (12)
Sunderland: C160 (4), C110 (8), CF16 (8)
UC Scarborough: EC41, EC21
Ulster: C100 (14), C102 (12)
Wolverhampton: C120, Y600,
York: C110 (16), C100 (16), C107 (16), C101 (16), C1X3 (16)

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Bradford: Y156
Brighton: B940
Cardiff Inst: C980 (10)
De Montfort: B940, C9NC
E London: B940
Greenwich: B940
London, King's Coll: Y156 (16),
Liverpool: C130 (18), H673 (12)
Nescot: C120
Manchester Metro: B940
Napier: B940
Nottingham Trent: B940 (12)
Sunderland: C999 (4)
Ulster: B940 (14)

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Birmingham: C7J8 (18)
Central Lancs: G800 (8)
De Montfort: C999
E London: C999
Glamorgan: J800
Greenwich: C199
Leeds: J800 (16)
London, King's Coll: J800 (16),
London, Imperial: J800 (20), J801 (20), FJ18 (22), JF81 (22)
London, UCL: J800 (18)
Napier: CJ58
Nescot: C120
Reading: J800 (14)
Sunderland: J800 (8)
Wolverhampton: Y600

BOTANY

Glasgow: D820, C200
Reading: C200 (16), CC23 (10)

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Oxford, Brookes: CF18, FN87, FF18, FG85, FG89, FL81, FF89, FH82, FT89, FR82, FV81, FG8M, FN8N, FG81, FH86, FW83, FK84, FM81, FP85

CHEMISTRY

Aston: F100 (18), F110 (18), CF11 (18), FG11 (24), FN11 (22), FR11 (18), FR12 (18), MF11 (24)
Birmingham: F100 (14), F1N1 (14), F180 (14), F170 (14), F140 (14), F1R1 (14)
Bath: F100 (12)
Bradford: F1B2, F100, F101
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: F100, F110, F111, F120, F121, F122, F1N1, F1NC, F1ND
Central Lancs: F199, F100, F110
Coventry: F1C7, F191, F11A, FG15, CF11, FR11, FL18, FR12, FG11, FF13, FG14, F100, F127, F199, FF12
Cranfield, RMCS: F100
De Montfort: F1N8
Durham: F100 (18)
Dundee: F100 (12), FG15 (12), FB12 (12), FF13 (12), F120 (12), F102 (8)
Edinburgh: F100 (10), F140 (16)
Exeter: F100 (12), CF71 (12)
Glamorgan: F100
Glasgow: D860, F100, F102, FF16, F103,
Greenwich: F110, F118, FN11, F1N1, FT12, F1N8, F100, F199
Heriot-Watt: F100
Hertfordshire: F180, F152, F160, F120, F110, F118, F1N1, F1G5, F1L1, F1F9, F1F6, F1B1, F1H7, F1G1, F1N2, F1F3
Huddersfield: F100, F1CR, F1C7, F1H8, F1N1, F1B3
Hull: F100 (12), F166 (12), F184 (12), F1E7 (12), F130 (12), F101
Kent: F100 (8), F105 (4)
Kingston: CF11 (4), F110 (4), FF31 (4), FG15 (4), FR11 (4), F1N1 (4), F100, FF81 (6), F199 (4)
Lancaster: F144 (10), F140 (12)
Leeds: F100 (14), F180 (14), F120 (14), F176 (10)
Leicester: F100 (12), F101 (14), F102 (18), F1T9 (14), CF71 (12), F103 (2)
Liverpool: F100 (10), F101 (18), F160 (10), F1F7 (10), F334 (12), FF12 (10)
London, Imperial: F100 (22), F121 (22), F146 (24), F115 (22), F122 (22), F123 (24), F1N1 (22), F147 (24), F1NC (22), FC17 (22), FJ18 (22), CF71 (22), JF81 (22)
London, King's Coll: FG11 (18), FV17 (16), FF15 (14), F130 (16), F105 (12), F100 (16), F146 (16), F115 (16), F180 (16), F1C7 (16), F1G5 (16), F1N1 (16), F1ND (16), F1NC (16), F1V5 (10), F152 (16)
London, QMW: CF11 (12), CF71 (12), F100 (10), F120 (14), F140 (10), F1C1 (10), F1N1 (10), FF13 (8), FG11 (8)
London, UCL: F100 (20), F1T2 (20), F1N1 (20), F1F2 (20), F1G1 (20), F126 (20)
Loughborough: F100 (14), F126 (16), F180 (14), F170 (14)
Manchester: F100 (18), F101 (18), F102 (18), F170 (18), F1B3 (18), F1L4 (18), F1M3 (18), F334 (18), FF13 (18)
Manchester Metro: F110, FF13, CF11, CF19, F199, F100, EF71, FG11, FF15, CF11, FG15, FL11, FH1F, FT12, FT19, FF12, FF31, FJ14, FH16, FL13
N London: C999, F100, F1G5, F1N1
Napier: F110
Newcastle: F100 (14), F101 (14), F102 (14), F111 (14), FG11 (14), FF13 (14), FG14 (14)
Northumbria: F110, F1F1, F1C7, F1C9, F1H8, F1F9, F1FC, F118
Nottingham Trent: F110 (15), F100 (8), F101 (5), F102 (5), CF11, FG15, FG11, FF13, CF31
Oxford, Brookes: CF11, FF18, FN17, FG15, FG19, FH19, FH12, FT19, FR12, FV11, FG1M, FN1N, FG11, FH16, FW13, FF1H, FF13, FM11
Paisley: F100
Portsmouth: FG14, FG11, FF13, FF16, FF18, FG15
(12), FG11 (14), F1N1 (12)
Reading: F100 (10), FD14 (10), F1V6 (10), F1L1 (10), F1G5 (10)
Salford: F100 (10), F1N1 (12), F105 (10), F140 (10)
Sunderland: FG15 (8), FL11 (8), FR11 (8), FF16 (8), FR12 (8), FG11 (8), FB13 (8)
Surrey: F100, F103, F105, F101, F104, F106, F102
UEA: F102 (24), F335 (14), F146 (18), F100 (12), F125 (12), F181 (12), FF19
UMIST: F100 (16), F101 (16), F102 (16), F112 (16), F126 (16), F140 (16), F160 (16), F180 (16), F1B1 (16), F1R2 (16), F1R4 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: F160 (8), F110 (8), CF71 (12), F100 (8), F101 (8)
Wolverhampton: F110, Y600

COMBINED SCIENCE/ STUDIES

Bournemouth: Y110, Y118
Brighton: Y100
Ch Ch Canterbury: WY11, WY31, GY11
City Coll Norwich: Y100
Glasgow: Y100
Greenwich: Y400, Y100, Y108
Huddersfield: Y108
Kingston: Y108
Lancaster: Y158 (14)
Leicester: Y158 (16)
Loughborough: HF19 (10)
Manchester Metro: Y108
Middlesex: Y400
Nene: Y4J9, Y4C1
Newcastle: Y100 (14), Y101 (10)
Nottingham Trent: Y108
Oxford, Brookes: F610, F310, C140, C501, H600, C160, Y100, F600, B150, G150, BD44
Paisley: Y100
Plymouth: Y108
UC Stockton: Y100 (4)
Wolverhampton: Y100, Y110

COMPUTER SCIENCE/ STUDIES

Aston: CG15 (18), GG15 (24), GM51 (24), GN51 (22), GR51 (18), GR52 (18)
Bournemouth: HG65, HG6M, Y110, Y118, CG86, BH96
Bradford: G500, G501, G520, G521, G5N1, G5NC
Brighton: Y100
Bristol: G500 (16), G5G1 (16), H610 (16)
Brunel: F3GM, F3GN, F3G5, G500, G502, G507, G522, G523, G524, G5G1, GG5G, G5L1, G5L7, G5LC, G5LD, G5LR
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (10), G5G1 (10), G5L1 (10), G5N2 (10)
Central England: G500 (10), G501 (10)
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G5GN, G5NC
City: G500 (12), G522 (10)
Coventry: FG15, CF53, G560, G500, G5T2, GL51, G523, LG58
Cranfield, RMCS: G511
De Montfort: G562, G523
Dundee: FG35 (12), FG15 (12), G500 (12), GHM0 (12), GL51 (12), CG8S (14), GN54 (12), LG75 (14), GG51 (12)
Durham: G500 (18)
E London: G440, G900
Glamorgan: G508
Glasgow: F102, G500, GL58, FG05, CG85, GG45
Greenwich: L7G5, F3G5, H620, G651, G530, G501, G561, G530
Guildhall: G599, Y400
Heriot-Watt: G500, GH57
Hertfordshire: G5T2, G500, GG15, G5F5, G5N1, G5F1, G5H6, G5T2, G5F6, GFB1, G5M3, G5H7, G5G1, G5V7, G5F3, G5G4
Huddersfield: G523, GN51, GT52, GG54, GL57, GH5C, G560
Hull: G500 (12), G560 (12), GG15 (12), G501
Kent: G500 (16)
Kingston: GG45 (8), FG15 (4), FG85 (6), FG65 (6), GG15 (6)
Leeds: G500 (17)
Liverpool: G500 (12), G501 (14), G506 (12), G520 (12)
London, King's Coll: F1G5 (10), G5H6 (10), G500 (18)
London, QMW: G500 (18), G5N1 (18), GG45 (18)
London, RH: G500 (18), G5N1 (18)
London, UCL: G500 (18), G5C8 (18), G5H0 (20), GG15 (24)
LSU, Coll: C1G5, C508, C5G1
Manchester: G500 (16), G505 (16), G506 (16), G507 (16), G570 (16), GG15 (16)
Manchester Metro: FG35, G500, G508, GG15, FG35, GGC5, FG15, GL51, GH5P, GT52, GH57, FG25, FGH5, GL55
N London: G500
Napier: G500
Newcastle: G500 (10), GL51 (16), FG35 (14), GG15 (14), GG45 (14)
Northumbria: G501, G508, G5N1, G599
Nottingham Trent: CG15, FG15, FG35, CG15, FGX5, G508, G507
Oxford, Brookes: GG45, CG15, FG85, GN57, FG15, GG59, GL51, FG95, GH52, GY59, GR52, GY51, GG5M, GG5N, CG15, GH56, CW53, FGH5, FG35, GK54, GM51, GP55, GN55
Plymouth: GP52, G600
Portsmouth: FG15, GG45, FG65
Reading: F1G5 (10), G500 (18)
Sheffield: G500 (16)
Sunderland: FG15 (8), G500 (4), G523 (6), G5R1 (6), G5R2 (6), G5R3 (6)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15, L112
Swansea: G501
UEA: G500 (16), G502 (18), G510 (16), G1G5 (12), GG51 (12)
Ulster: G510, G545, NN59 (16), N1G5 (16)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G500 (14), GN54 (18), GG15 (14), GGC5 (14), GGD5 (14), GG45 (14), G5T9 (16)

CONSERVATION

Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, F8F9, FF6X, FXF8, FXF9, X8F9
Guildhall: J570
Kingston: F970 (8)
UC Scarborough: CD12, DF27, FD83
York: C900 (16)

EARTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES

Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, F8F9, FF6X, FXF8, FXF9, X8F9, G1F9, F6F9
Greenwich: F925
Kingston: F920 (6)
London, RH: F920 (20)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F910 (16)

ECOLOGY

E London: C910
Greenwich: C999
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
London, QMW: C900 (12)
Nescot: C120
N London: F940
York: C900 (16)

EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

Bretton Hall, Leeds: EF29, EF59, EW29, EW59
Coventry: C100
Manchester Metro: EW72
NE Wales Inst: E7N1
UC Scarborough: EC41, EC21, EG41, EG21

ENERGY STUDIES

Brighton: Y100, JN91

ENTOMOLOGY

London, Imperial: C345 (20)

ENVIROMENTAL BIOLOGY

Oxford, Brookes: FG94, CF19, FF89, FN97, FF19, FG95, FL91, FH92, FT99, FR92, FV91, FG9M, FN9N, FG91, FW93, FF89, FF39, FK94, FP95, FN95
Glasgow: CF76

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Cranfield: N802 (14)
York: C491 (16)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES/ SCIENCE

Askham Bryan Coll: N800
Birmingham: F140 (14)
Bournemouth: F938 (10)
Bradford: F902, F900, FL9V, FL98
Bretton Hall, Leeds: EF29, EF59
Brighton: F901
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
Central England: K440, K4F9, K4K4, K4K3, K4L3, K4N9, K4W2
Central Lancs: F910, F9D2
Ch Ch Canterbury: F901, F900
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6FX, FXF9
Coventry: F199, F9T2, F900
Cranfield: N1F9 (14)
Cranfield, RMCS: F900
De Montfort: F910
Dundee: F900 (12), FF39 (12)
Edinburgh: F140 (16), F630 (18), V670 (18)
Farnborough Coll: F910
Glamorgan: F900, FL93
Glasgow: D860, CF76
Greenwich: C160, C168, F199, R340, F925, B900, F918
Hertfordshire: F9F5, F9N1, F9F1, F9H6, F9T2, F9F6, F9B1, F9H7, F9G1, F9V7, F9F3, F9G4, F140, F148, F910, F918
Huddersfield: F901, F910
Humberside: F900 (12)
Kingston: F900 (8), F970 (8), F630 (6)
Lancaster: F140 (12), F900 (10)
London, King's Coll: B900 (16), C1F9 (10)
London, QMW: F900 (10)
Manchester Metro: CF19, B900, F900, F910C, F910, F901, F907, CF19
Middlesex: F9Y1, B900, F900, F908, FNX1, J950, J958, Y400
N London: FF19
Napier: C160, F374
Nescot: F918, K241
Nene: Y4C1, F910
Newcastle: D242 (8), H255 (12), H256 (18), O202 (14)
Nottingham Trent: GF59, F901, FF19, FF39, FGX5, FGXM
Paisley: F900
Reading: G160 (12), G254 (12), F900 (16), LL18 (18), N800 (18)
Salford: F140 (10), F900 (14), F922 (10)
Sunderland: F910 (4)
Surrey: C540
UC Scarborough: F9W4, F9W1, F9W3, F9WX, F9G9, F913, F9Q3, F9V1, F9V8, W4F9, W1F9, W3Y1, V8F9
UC Stockton: L1F9 (6), F900 (6), F9H2 (6)
UEA: G1F9 (12)
Ulster: F901 (14), F900 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: F630 (12)
York: C900 (16)

FOOD SCIENCE/ STUDIES

Bournemouth: N721, D400
Cranfield: N5D4 (14)
Glasgow: D860
Greenwich: B400
Humberside: D400 (10), D421 (10), D400 (10)
Leeds: D400 (8)
N London: BC41
Newcastle: B4D4 (14), D270 (10), D420 (10),
Plymouth: D202, D400
Reading: FD14 (10), D430 (12), D400 (12), D450 (12), D470 (12), D421 (12)
Surrey: CD54, B400, BD44

GENETICS

Dundee: C420 (12)
Glasgow: C400
Leeds: C400 (18)
London, King's Coll: C400 (16)
London, QMW: C400 (12), C4C5 (12)
London, UCL: C400 (18), C402 (18)
Newcastle: C400 (18)
York: C400 (16)

GEOGRAPHY

Bradford: FL9V, FL98
Brighton: Y100
Central Lancs: FL88
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6F8, F8F9, F8G1, F9F8, FXF8, V8L8
Coventry: FL18, CL18, F800, LF83, LL18, LG58, RL18, LR82, LR84, LM81, G562, GL18, GL48
Glasgow: FF68, CF76
Greenwich: FG85, F800
Huddersfield: L800
Kingston: GL58 (10), L800 (12), F800 (12), FF81 (6), FG85 (6), FL81 (6), FR81 (6), FF86 (6), FG81 (6), FG84 (6)
London, RH: CF18 (20), F800 (20), FF68 (20)
LSU, Coll: C1L8, G5L8, L8G1
Portsmouth: FF18, F8R2, F800, F805, F8X9, FF68
Reading: L822 (18), F820 (18), F800 (18)
UC Scarborough: FD82
Wolverhampton: Y600

GEOLOGY

Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6F8, F6F9, F6G1, F6FX, F6G5, F6V8, FF6X
Durham: F600 (14)
Edinburgh: F600 (18)
Exeter: F605 (4)
Greenwich: F600
Glasgow: FF16, F3F6, FF68, F600
Hertfordshire: F6F5, F6N1, F6F1, F6G5, F6L1, F6H6, F6F9, F6T2, F6B1, F6N2, F6V7, F6F3, F6G4
Kingston: F600 (6), FG65 (6), FL61 (6), *FR61 (6), FR61 (6), FF63 (4), FF86 (6),* F615 (6), F630 (6)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12)
London, QMW: FF69 (10)
London, RH: F600 (14), F630 (14), FF68 (20)
London, UCL: F500 (16)
Manchester: FF30 (16)
Plymouth: D203
Portsmouth: FF16, F6R2, F6R1, FG64, F6X9, F600, F608, FF68, FG61, FF36, FG65
Sunderland: FF16 (8), CF16 (8), FR62 (8), F611 (4), F699 (4)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F600 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: F620 (12), F600 (12)

GEOPHYSICS

Lancaster: F640 (10)
Leeds: F640 (10)
Leicester: F640 (12)
London, UCL: F660 (10), F650 (10)
Newcastle: F650

GEOSCIENCE

Oxford, Brookes: GH42, CH12, FH82, HN27, FH12, GH52, GH92, HL21, FH92, HT29, HR22, HV21, GHM2, HN2N, GH12, HH26, HW23, FHH2, FH32, HK24, HM21, HP25, HN25
Edinburgh: F630 (18)
Greenwich: F670
Leeds: F600 (12)
Leicester: F670 (12)
London, RH: F670 (14)
London, UCL: F630 (16)
Reading: F141 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: F630 (12)

HEALTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES

Bournemouth: B991
Central Lancs: B990 (12)
Coventry: L531
De Montfort: B991
Greenwich: B900
N London: B990
Napier: L450
Sunderland: B990 (12)
UC Stockton: B991 (8)
West of England Uni: C8B9
Wolverhampton: Y600

HISTORY OF SCIENCE

London, UCL: Y500 (16)

HORTICULTURE

Central Lancs: D252
Greenwich: D250
Hertfordshire: D250, D258
Reading: D250 (12)

HUMAN BIOLOGY

Aston: C112 (16)
Hertfordshire: B1F5, F1F1, B1G5, B1L1, B1H6, B1F9, B1T2, B1F6, B1H7, B1G1, B1N2, B1V7, B1G4
London, King's Coll: B150 (16)
Wolverhampton: Y600

HUMAN SCIENCE

Bournemouth: CG86
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: Y8L8
City Coll Norwich: C980
E London: C921
UC Stockton: B991 (8), Y400 (8)

IMMUNOLOGY

E London: C920
Glasgow: C920
London, King's Coll: C920 (16)
London, UCL: C920 (18)
Nescot: C120

INFORMATION SCIENCE

Portsmouth: G599
UEA: GN54 (18)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G520 (10)

INSTRUMENTATION

Manchester Metro: GH16, FH30

MARINE STUDIES

Plymouth: C170

MATERIALS SCIENCE

Bath: J500 (14)
Birmingham: J5F2 (14)
Coventry: F200, FF12, FG21, FF23
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F300 (12), J200 (12), J520 (8), FF12 (12), FF23 (12), FG21 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (12), JF5F (16), J525 (12)
London, UCL: F1F2 (20)
Manchester Metro: F200, F208, FF23, CF12, FF12, GFC2, FG25, FL21, FT29, FH27, FF32, FH26, FL23
Sheffield: J200 (12), J500 (12)
Surrey: J521, J520, J525, J524

MATHEMATICS

Aberystwyth: GG15 (14), GGC5 (14), GGD5 (14), G100 (14), G120 (14), GL11 (14), GN14 (18), G102 (4)
Aston: CG11 (24), FG11 (24), GG15 (24), GL14 (24), GM1C (24), GM11 (24), GR11 (24)
Bath: G100 (20)
Bradford: G100, GG14, G1N1, G1V7
Bristol: G100 (20), G1G4 (18), G101 (20), G103 (22), G5G1 (16)
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: G100 (12), G103 (12), G104 (12), G1H1 (12), G1HC (12), G1HD (12)
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: LG31, WG11, WG51, CG51, GY1C, GL13, GW11, GG15, GW13, GY11
Wales, Cardiff: G100 (12), G110 (12), G111 (12)
Central Lancs: G100 (8), G101 (8), G140 (8)
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6G1, F8G1, X8G1, G1F9, V8G1
Coventry: FG11, CF13, LG11, GL18, CG11, RG21, RG11, G101, G100, FG21
City: G100 (12), G1F3 (12), G1L1 (12)
De Montfort: G100, G150
Dundee: GN14 (12), G100 (12), GL11 (12), FG31 (12), LG71 (12), G101 (10), GG51 (12)
Durham: G100 (20)
Edinburgh: G100 (18)
Exeter: G100 (16), G107 (16), G130 (16), GGD4 (16)
Glamorgan: G100, GG5M, YG31
Glasgow: FGH1, G100, GV1R, FG51
Greenwich: EG71
Heriot-Watt: G100 (14), G102 (12)
Hertfordshire: F5G1, N1G1, F1G1, GG15, G5G1, L1G1, H6G1, F9G1, T2G1, B1G1, G100, G1F3, G1N1, G1F1, G1G5, G1L1, G1H6, G1F9, G1T2, G1B1, G1N2, G1V7, G1F3, H2G1, F3G1, V7G1
Kent: G100 (14)
Kingston: FG31, GG15, GL11, GR11, GG14, G100, FG81
Leeds: H3G1 (18), G150 (12), G100 (14)
Leicester: G100 (16), G101 (20), G103 (20), G1F3 (16), G1FM (20)
Liverpool: G100 (12), G106 (12), G150 (12), G151 (12), G150 (12), G170 (12), G400 (12), G1F3 (12), G1N1 (12), G1XC (12), GG14 (12), GG15 (12), FG21 (12), F6G1 (12)
London, Goldsmiths: G140, G141, G147, CG81, E2G1, G1GM
London, Guildhall: Y400
London, Imperial: G100 (22), G101 (22), G103 (22), G125 (22), G1F3 (22)
London, King's Coll: GX11 (8), GN11 (18), FG31 (16), FG11 (18), G100 (18), G1V5 (18)
London, RH: G100 (16), G1N1 (10), GF13 (16)
London, QMW: FG11 (8), FG31 (12), FG51 (12), G100 (8), G102 (14), G110 (12), G120 (12), G1FM (14), G1T2 (14), GF15 (12), GR11 (18), GR18 (18), GRD8 (18)
N London: G100, G116, G150, EG71
London, UCL: F1G1 (20), G100 (22), G107 (22), G1T2 (22), G1L1 (24), C1N1 (22), G1F3 (22), GF15 (22), GG15 (24), GF13 (22), GG14 (22)
Loughborough: G100 (10), GG15 (16), G1L1 (16), FG31 (10)
Napier: GN13, G140, GH11
Newcastle: G110 (16), G120 (16), G150 (12), G151 (10), G100 (16), NG41 (16), FG11 (14), GL11 (16), FG31 (14)
Nottingham Trent: G1G5 (6), CG11 (4), FG11 (4), GG15 (4), FG31 (4), GG51 (4), E7G1, G1GM
Manchester: FG31 (20)
Manchester Metro: G110, G108, FG31, CG11, G140, FG11, GG15, GL11, GT19, GH17, FGH1, GJ14, GH16, GL13, FG31, FG3C, CG11, CG1C, GL18, EG71, EG7C, EG71C
Oxford, Brookes: GG14, CG11, FG81, GN17, FG11, GG13, GG19, GL11, FG91, GH12, GY19, GV11, GG1M, GG1N, GH16, GW15, FGH1, FG31, GK14, GM11, GP15, GN15
Paisley: GG15, G150
Plymouth: G100, G150
Portsmouth: FG11, G199, G198, G1X9, G150, G158, GG14, G900, G908, G100, G108, O1R2, G1R1, FG61
Reading: G152 (14), G100 (18), GG15 (18), GL11 (18), GF19 (18), GF13 (18), GG14 (16), G123 (18), G115 (18)
Salford: G100 (14), G101 (14)
Sheffield: G100 (18), NG11 (18), NG4D (18)
Sunderland: FG11 (8)
Surrey: G101, G102, G105
UEA: FG31 (12), G100 (12), G103 (14), GIL1 (12), G1V7 (12), G1H1 (12), G101 (12), G1F9 (12)
UMIST: G100, G1F5, O1R4, GN11, GRD1, GRD2
Wales, Cardiff: FG3C (12)
York: G100 (12), G1L1 (12), G1X3 (12), G1Q1 (12), G1F3 (12), GF15 (12), G101 (12)

MATHEMATICS FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Brighton: G100
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G1N3, N3G1
Dundee: GL11 (12)
Glamorgan: G1T2, GN11
Glasgow: NG11
Hertfordshire: G1N1
London, Imperial: G1H1 (22)
London, Kings Coll: GN11 (18)
London, QMW: G150 (8), G1N1 (8)
Loughborough: G1L1 (10)
Manchester Metro: G140, GL11, FG3C, CG1C, CGC5, GLC1, GHCP, G7C2, GTC9, GPC2, FGHC, GJC4, GHC6, GLC3
Portsmouth: G199, G198
Surrey: G1NC, G1N1

MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTING

Brighton: G170
Brunel: G1G5 (12), G1GM (12), G1GN (12), G5G1 (14), GG5G (14)
Buckingham: G5G1
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G1G5
Coventry: GG15
City: G1G5 (12)
Dundee: GG15 (12)
Glamorgan: GG15
Greenwich: G5G1
Glasgow: GG15
Leicester: GG15 (16), GG1M (20)
London, Goldsmiths: G1G5, GG15, G1GM, GG1M, GG45
London, Imperial: G102 (22), GG15 (22), GG51 (22)
London, King's Coll: GG1N (18), GG15 (18)
London, QMW: GG51 (18), GG15 (18)
Loughborough: GG51 (16)
LSU: C1G1, G5G1, L8G1
Manchester Metro: GG15
Oxford, Brookes: GG49, FG89, GN97, FG19, GG59, GL91, GH92, GT99, GR92, GV91, GGN9, GNGN, GG19, GH96, GW93, FGH9, FG39, GK94, GM91, GP95, GN95
Paisley: GG15
Portsmouth: G900, G908
Reading: GG15 (18)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15
UEA: G1G5 (12), GG51 (12)
UMIST: GG15

MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS

Bristol: G1G4 (18)
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: GG41 (12), GG40 (12), GG4C (12)
Coventry: GG14
City: G194 (12)
Edinburgh: GG14 (18)
Exeter: G434 (16)
Glasgow: GG14
Kingston: GG14
Heriot-Watt: G1G4 (20)
Hertfordshire: G1G4, G4G1
London, Goldsmiths: G1G4, GG14, GG41, G1GK
London, Imperial: G1G4 (22), GG41 (22)
London, QMW: G1G4 (14), GG41 (12)
Newcastle: GG1L (14), GG1K (14), GGJ4 (14)
Reading: GG14 (16)
Surrey: GG1K, GG1L
UEA: G1G4 (12)
UMIST: G434
Wolverhampton: Y600

MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS/ MANAGEMENT

Brunel: N1G1 (16), N1GC (16), G1N1 (12), G1NC (12), G1ND (12), GN11 (12), GN1C (12), GN10 (12)

MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND COMPUTING

Coventry: G900
E London: G900
Greenwich: G900
London, Goldsmiths: GG45
Ulster: G900 (16), G902 (12)

MEDICAL AND LABORATORY SCIENCE

Bournemouth: BH96
Brunel: C720 (12), C721 (12), F120, F121, F122
E London: C620, C720
Huddersfield: F1B3
Kingston: F199
London, Imperial: F121 (22), F123 (24), F122 (22)
London, King's: C720 (16)
Manchester: G581 (16)
Coventry: B899
Sheffield: F370 (14)
Surrey: F370
Wolverhampton: Y600, B920

METALLURGY

Birmingham: JJ25 (14), JJF5 (12)
Greenwich: JJ25
Surrey: J201, J204, J200

METEOROLOGY

Reading: GF19 (18), FF39 (18)

MICROBIOLOGY

Dundee: C500 (12)
E London: C500
Glasgow: C500
Heriot-Watt: C500
Kent: C500 (10)
Liverpool: C500 (18), C5J8 (18)
London, Imperial: C500 (20), C1C5 (20)
London, Kings: C500 (16)
N London: C500
Napier: CJ58
Reading: C500 (12)
Sunderland: J800 (8)
Surrey: C505, C500, C502, CD54, C540
Wolverhampton: Y600

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Glasgow: C620
Huddersfield: C621
London, King's Coll: C620 (16), CC69 (16), C600 (16)
Surrey: C620

MIDWIFERY

Bournemouth: B750
Greenwich: B710
Surrey: B710

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS

Birmingham: C7C6 (18)
Dundee: C420 (12)
Newcastle: C260 (18)
Portsmouth: C621, C628
Reading: C120 (12)
York: C140 (16)

NATURAL SCIENCE

Bath: Y160 (14)
Brunel: Y160 (8)
Durham: Y160 (18)
Greenwich: FD82

NEUROSCIENCE

Glasgow: B172
London UCL: B172 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: B172 (18), B173 (18)

NURSING

Bournemouth: B700
Brighton: B799
City: B700
Glasgow: B700
Greenwich: B730, B720
Hertfordshire: B700
Liverpool: B700 (16)
Middlesex: B700
Oxford, Brookes: B702, B703
Surrey: B700

NUTRITION/DIETICS

Cardiff Inst: D400 (10)
Huddersfield: OB44
Newcastle: B4D4 (14)
Surrey: B400, B405, BD44
Ulster: B400 (16)

OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH

Greenwich: B999

OCEANOGRAPHY

Liverpool: F7F1 (10)
Middlesex: JN9C

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Liverpool: B510 (16)

PARASITOLOGY

Glasgow: C340
London, Imperial: C340 (20)

PATHOLOGY

Reading: B164 (12)
Glasgow: Y166

PHARMACOLOGY

Bradford: B2N1
Coventry: F127
Dundee: B200 (12), BC27 (12), FB12 (12)
E London: BC27, B200
Glasgow: B200
Greenwich: B399, B398
London, King's Coll: B200 (16), B203 (10), B220 (16), BB12 (16)
London UCL: B200 (20), BB12 (18)
Portsmouth: B200, B208
Sunderland: B200 (8), FB13 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: B300 (22), B200 (14)

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Greenwich: EY71
Hertfordshire: QTS
London, UCL: Y160 (15)
Nottingham Trent: E7Y1
Oxford, Brookes: CF15, FN37, FF13, FG35, FG39, FL31, FF39, FH32, FR32, FV31, FG3M, FN3H, FG31, FH36, FW35, FFH3, FK34, FM31, FP35
Paisley: H681

PHYSICS

Aberystwyth: F301, F300 (12), F363 (10), F364 (12), F3M1 (12), FN34 (18), F302 (4), F365 (12), F366 (12)
Aston: F314 (14)
Bath: F300 (10), F303 (12)
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: F300 (10), F302 (10), F355 (10), F352 (10), F3G5 (10), F3GM (10), F3GN (10)
Coventry: FF13, CF53, CF15, F310, F3N1, F380, FF23, FG54, RF23, LF83
Cranfield, RMCS: F303, F315, F370, F354
De Montfort: F3N8
Dundee: FG51 (12), FV37 (14), F300 (6), FG35 (12), FH36 (6), FF39 (12), FF13 (12), F3R2 (8), FC38 (14), F301 (6)
Durham: F300 (12), F310 (12)
Edinburgh: F300 (10), F334 (16), F650 (18), F526 (16), F370 (16)
Exeter: F300 (16), F370 (16), F348 (16), F320 (16), F323 (16), F301 (16), F321 (16), F303 (16), F371 (16), F325 (16)
Glasgow: F3F6, FG81, F350, FH36, F300, FF35, FHH6
Greenwich: F3G5
Heriot-Watt: F300 (14), F314
Hertfordshire: F5F3, F1F3, G5F3, L1F3, H6F3, F9F3, T2F3, F6F3, H7F3, G1F3, N2F3, V7F3, F3F5, F3F1, F3G5, F3L1, F3H6, F3F9, F3T2, F3F6, F3H7, F3G1, F3N2, F3V7, F3G4, G4F3, QTS
Kent: F300 (8), F305 (4)
Kingston: FF31, FG55, FR31, F3H6, CF13, FG31
Lancaster: F300 (10)
Leeds: F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H0 (10)
Leicester: F300 (14), F365 (14), F3F3 (14), F303 (10), F366 (16), F303 (16)
Liverpool: F300 (8), F301 (12), F303 (12), F306 (8), F326 (8), F334 (12), F340 (8), F352 (8), F3F9 (8), F656 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), FG35 (12)
London, Imperial: F300 (20), F303 (24), F325 (25), G1F3 (22)
London, King's Coll: FF35 (16), FF13 (14), FH36 (14), FV37 (16), F300 (14), F305 (14), F3F5 (14), F3G5 (14), F3R1 (14), F3N1 (14), F370 (14), F3V5 (14), F303 (14)
London, RH: F300 (14), F320 (14), F3F5 (14), F3N1 (14), GF13 (16)
London, QMW: F300 (8), F303 (12), F320 (8), F323 (12), F334 (8), F370 (12), F374 (8), F3G5 (8), F3H6 (8), F38P (12), F3N1 (8), FF13 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), FG35 (18)
N London: F300
London, UCL: FF53 (20), FF5H (20), F112 (20), GF15 (22)
Loughborough: F300 (16), FG31 (16)
Manchester: F334 (18), FF13 (18), F300 (16), F301 (18), F325 (20), F301 (16), F364 (16), F3N1 (18), FF36 (16), FG31 (20)
Manchester Metro: F310, F308, FG31, FG3C, FF13, FG35, FH3P, FT32, FT39, FH37, FF23, FJ34, FH36, FTH9, FHH7, FF32, FJH4, EF73, FGH1, FGHC, FF31, FGH5, FHHP, TF23, FFH7, FJH4, FH63
Napier: F345, 543F
Newcastle: F303 (14), F323 (16), F300 (10), F301 (8), F651 (8), F370 (10), F371 (8), F320 (16), F321 (10), FG35 (14), FG31 (14), FF13 (14)
Nottingham Trent: F310 (8), CF13 (4), FF13 (4), FG35 (4), FG31 (4), GF53 (4), FF39 (4)
Oxford, Brookes: CF1H, FN87, FF1H, FGH5, FGH9, FLH1, FFH9, FHH2, FRH2, FVH1, FGHM, FNHN, FGH1, FHH6, FWH3, FFH3, FKH4, FMH1, FPK5
Paisley: F300
Portsmouth: F300, F308, FF38, F3R2, F3R1, FG31, F3X9, F303, FF36, FF13
Reading: F300, F304, F340, FF39, F369, F301, F303, GF13 (18)
Salford: F314 (10), F353 (10), F375 (10), F376 (10), F300 (10), F303 (10), F373 (10), F371 (10), F305, F3RC (10), F3R1 (10), F3RF (10), F3R2 (10), F3T4 (10), F3TK (10), F307 (10), F368 (10), F354 (10), F355 (10)
Sheffield: F300 (14), F302 (14), F320 (14), F370 (14)
Surrey: F300, F305, F3H1, F370, F388
UEA: F300 (10), F303 (12), F307 (14), F308 (14), F310 (10), F340 (10), F320 (12), FG31 (12), FF31 (14)
UMIST: F300, F303, F353, F354, F356, F308, F369, F3F9, F3FY, F3H6, F3HP, F3HQ, F3R1, F3R2, F3RC, F3RF, F373, F376, F3RD, F3RG, GF13
Wales, Cardiff: FG3C (12)
Wolverhampton: Y600
York: F370 (12), G1F3 (12), GF13 (12), F375 (12), F377 (12), F371 (12), F373 (12), F303 (12), F3F5 (12), F308 (12), F309 (12), F330 (12), F3X3 (12), F320 (12), F321 (12), F322 (12), F323 (12)

PHYSICS FOR MANAGEMENT

Brighton: F3N1
Brunel: F3N1 (10), F3NC (10), F3ND (10)
London, King's Coll: F3N1 (14)
UEA: F3N1 (10)

PHYSIOLOGY

Dundee: B103 (12), B170 (12)
E London: B100, BC27
Glasgow: B100, BC18
Greenwich: BL17, C881
London, King's Coll: B100 (16), BB12 (16)
London UCL: B100 (16), BB12 (18)
Reading: C750 (12), CB81 (16)
Sunderland: B110 (4), RB21 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: B100 (16), BC17 (14)
York: C122 (16)

PLANT SCIENCE

Newcastle: C260 (6), C266 (8)
Liverpool: C200 (18)
London, Imperial: C200 (20)
Reading: C254 (12)
Wolverhampton: Y600

PODIATRY

Bradford: B983
Huddersfield: B983

POLYMER SCIENCE

Manchester Metro: GJ14, FJ34, GJC4, FJ14, JL41, HJP4, JT42, JT49, HJ74, FJH4, J440, J448
Coventry: F1JA, J440

PSYCHOLOGY

Brunel: G5L7 (14), G5LR (14)
Bournemouth: Y110, Y118
Dundee: C800 (14), B102 (12), LG71 (16)
Glasgow: BC18, CG85
Greenwich: BL17, LL73, L7G5, C8B1, C8L3, L7G4, L3L7
Huddersfield: GL57
London, Goldsmiths: C8G5, CG8[illegible], C8T9, C800
Reading: CB81 (16)
Ulster: C800 (18)
West of England Uni: C8B9

RADIOGRAPHY

Bradford: B800
Hertfordshire: B999, B985
Kingston: B986 (8), B985 (8)
Leeds: B820 (12)
London, King's Coll: B800 (16)
Portsmouth: B800, B808, B820, B828

REMOTE SENSING

Greenwich: GF58

SOIL SCIENCE

Newcastle: D960 (8)
Reading: F920 (12), FF98 (20), D962 (12)
York: C122 (16)

SPORTS SCIENCES/ STUDIES

Cardiff Inst: X850 (12)
Greenwich: X207
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: X8N1, X8F9, X8G1, X8R1
De Montfort, Bedford: Y100
Edge Hill Coll: XL88, XV81, XM89
Nottingham Trent: X851

STATISTICS

Aberystwyth: GG45 (14), G400 (14)
Bradford: GG14
City: G400
Coventry: FG14, FG34, LG14, GL48, GN42, RG14, BG24, GC41, GG45, GG14
Glasgow: G400, GG45
Greenwich: L7G4, G411, G4N1, G4G5, G415
E London: G440, G900, GG14, G440
N London: G411
Heriot-Watt: G400
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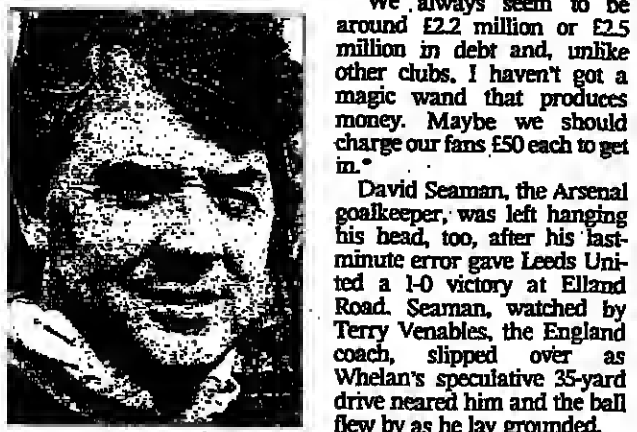
Wimbledon thwarted on and off the pitch

By Russell Kempson

WHEN Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, enters a post-match press conference with head bowed and shoulders hunched, something has to be amiss. When he proceeds to moan about everything, from his players' inability to take chances to Merton Council's vote against the club's ambitious scheme to return to their borough, the situation must be bleak.

Audiences with Kinnear are usually lively affairs — win, draw or lose — and are liberally laced with some fruity observations. On Tuesday night, however, despite Wimbledon maintaining their unbeaten start to the FA Carling Premiership season with a 1-1 draw with Ipswich Town, Kinnear was a picture of despondency.

"We should have won from our set-plays," he said. "Ipswich looked very vulnerable at them but we couldn't cash in. Dean Holdsworth could have had a hat-trick and, I suppose, things can only get better. We should really have had six points already."



Kinnear: depressed

Wimbledon turned early superiority into a 1-0 lead when Holdsworth, newly-promoted to captain after the departure of John Fashanu to Aston Villa, crashed in a 25-yard shot. If his earning power has been increased to £5,000 per goal, as reputed, it was good business.

Further opportunities were wasted, though, and with Wimbledon strangely reluctant to impose themselves physically — Kinnear scoffed at suggestions it was because of referees' new and more stringent application of the rules — Ipswich were allowed to blossom towards the end of a refreshingly open match. Milton equalised on the hour, to mark his 31st birthday and create a fair scoreline.

Kinnear's dismay continued to pour out when he talked of the decision of Merton Council to veto the building of a supermarket on the club's old Plough Lane site, which was the key factor in the financial package for Wimbledon's planned return to their spiritual home after a three-year absence.

"I thought I was going to have £2 to £3 million to spend, but now our new ground is out, that's it," Kinnear lamented. "Our hearts were set on it, but we've been slapped in the face.

"I suppose I've just got to get *on with it and wheel and deal* the best I can. We finished sixth in the league last season, our best ever, but the clubs below us can still go out and buy bigger and better.

"We always seem to be around £2.2 million or £2.5 million in debt and, unlike other clubs, I haven't got a magic wand that produces money. Maybe we should charge our fans £50 each to get in."

David Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, was left hanging his head, too, after his last-minute error gave Leeds United a 1-0 victory at Elland Road. Seaman, watched by Terry Venables, the England coach, slipped over as Whelan's speculative 35-yard drive neared him and the ball flew by as he lay grounded.

"David lost his footing and there's not much more you can say about it," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "We had created enough chances to have won, anyway." Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, used most of his words at half-time, lambasting his players for their apathy. "I tore into them," he said.

Chris Sutton, the Premiership's first £5 million man, opened his *Blackburn Rovers* account in the 3-0 win over Leicester City at Ewood Park; Berg and Shearer making up the tally, while Luton Town, of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, were the most notable casualties in the Coca-Cola Cup first round.

They drew 1-1 with Fulham, from the third division, after extra time at Craven Cottage — giving an aggregate score of 2-2 — but went out 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out. Stannard, the Fulham goalkeeper, saved three of their spot-kicks.

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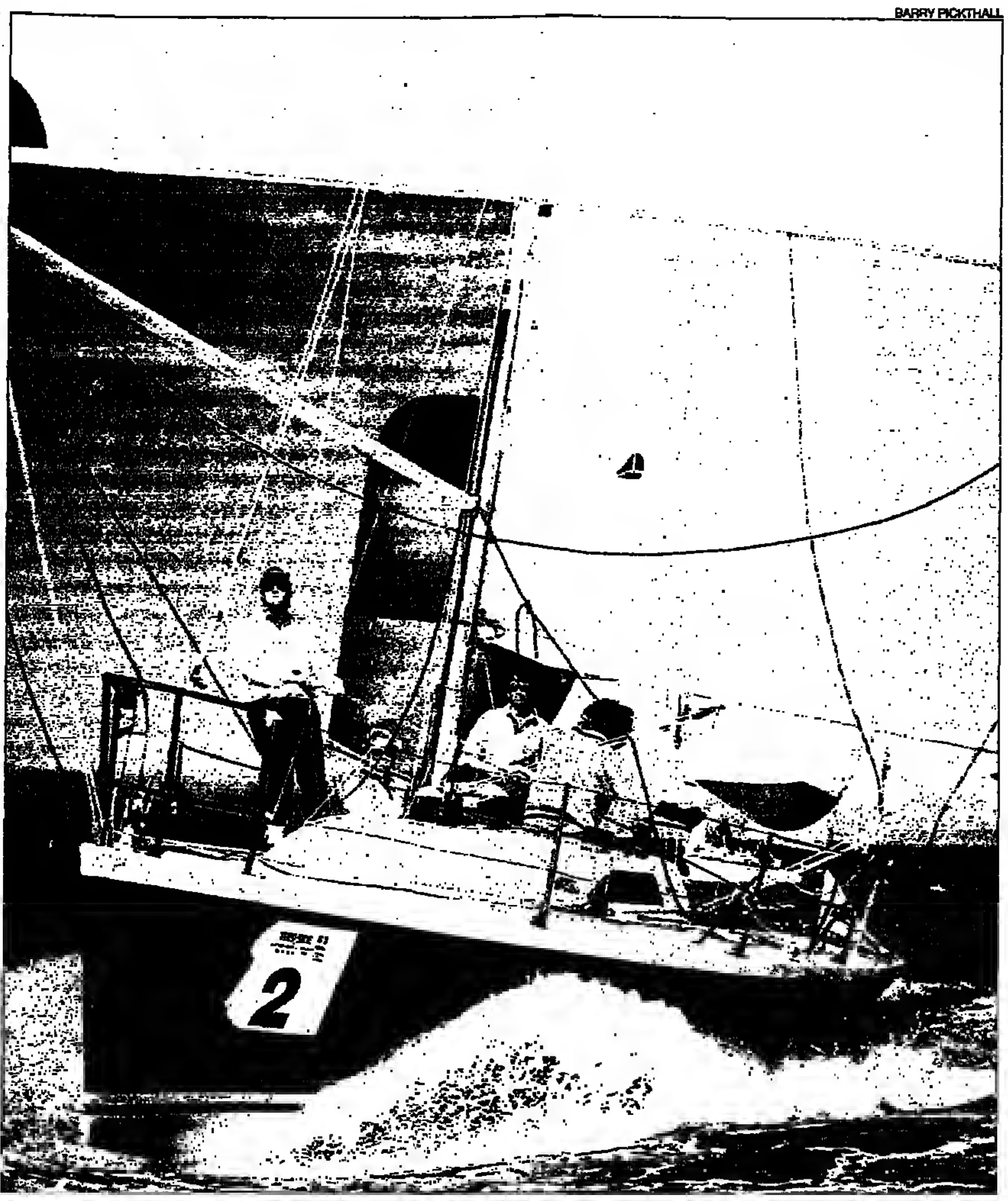

Sticky Fingers leaves Hartlepool marina on the last stage of the Teesside British Isles race

Rogers acclaims notable victory

Barry Pickthall reports on the triumphant homecoming of the yacht *Sticky Fingers*

SIMON Rogers's remarkable Whitbread 30 design, *Sticky Fingers*, the smallest yacht in the 15-strong fleet, completed a memorable triumph yesterday in the Teesside British *Isles* race.

Sticky Fingers, a half-scale version of the exciting Whitbread 60 yachts that captured the imagination of the sailing world last winter, won all four *stages* of the 2,000-mile race, building up a lead of 8hr 20min over *Chaser*, the 55ft joint services entry, and finishing within a day of the record set two years ago by Mike Slade's 80ft maxi, *Ocean Leopard*.

Back at Cowes yesterday, Rogers claimed that this significant victory for the boat he designed and built as a prototype for a new class of yacht could not have been achieved without the sterling efforts of his crew, which drove the boat like a dinghy with little chance for sleep. "They were fantastic and really put everything into winning this race," he said.

Neal McDonald, who replaced Mark Turner for the final two stages from Lerwick, told Rogers after spending nine hours at the helm during one wild ride from Great Yarmouth to Lowestoft: "That was the best bit of sailing I have done in years." At times, *Sticky Fingers* was touching 15 knots in quite rough seas.

The significant differences between this prototype 30-footer and more traditional designs are that *Sticky Fingers* is light, agile and cheaper to build. She relies on 300kg of moveable water ballast stored in tanks on either side of the hull for stability. The yacht has proved as exciting to sail as Lawrie Smith's 60ft *Intrum Justitia* was during the Whitbread race last year when she set a 427-mile record distance in 24 hours.

"The high points were undoubtedly during the first leg to Cork, when we hit 17 knots and covered 130 miles in ten hours across the Irish Sea," Rogers said. During the next stage, around the tip of Ireland and up to Lerwick, the *Sticky Fingers* crew disappeared from sight in a welter of spray to cover the first 70 miles to the Fastnet Rock in 5hr 34min. They managed to hold their own upwind, too, beating northwards into 30-knot winds to reach the Shetlands stopover six minutes ahead of *Chaser*.

They faced stiff headwinds again on the final 120-mile stretch from Dover to Cowes, but, thanks to the water ballast — equivalent to four men sitting on the weather rail — her crew managed to maintain their six-mile lead.

Another remarkable performance was that of the sailing students racing aboard *Jade*, a production Storm 33 cruiser that was expected to take overall handicap honours last night.

Her six-man crew, who have all paid for the privilege of racing round Britain, treated the event as a mini-British Steel Challenge after signing up for the race at the London Boat Show in January. One of their number had never sailed before and another has been seasick for the entire voyage, but, after training throughout the summer, they got the most out of their Westerly production yacht — and the race.

Americans spurred by bid for Solheim Cup places

From Patricia Davies in Ottawa

A CERTAIN amount of huffing and puffing is anticipated as the du Maurier Classic, the last major championship of the women's season, tees off at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club today.

It is not because the rolling fairways are particularly exhausting, but because a pressure group, Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada, is threatening demonstrations. Spectators wearing T-shirts reading "Sport and Tobacco Do Not Mix" are expected.

The reason for all the hooha is that du Maurier is a brand of cigarette, but the players — some of them highly-trained athletes who would rather eat a gallon of Häagen-Dazs at one sitting than smoke a solitary weed — have voted with their feet. Ninety-four of the top 100 on the United States money-list are here. A prize fund of $800,000 (about £515,000) helps, of course.

Laura Davies, the Briton who is world No 1, is playing in north America for the first time in five weeks, but is still top of the money-list with $611,496 (about £393,000). She arrived on Tuesday night and her round in the pro-am yesterday was her first look at the course, for this championship is being held in Ottawa for the first time.

She would have found what Brandie Burton, the defending champion, called "a traditional, old-style type of golf course, with rolling hills and tree-lined fairways. What I like". Whether Davies likes it is another matter. It measures 6,400 yards and even Burton, a long hitter, could reach only two of the four par-fives in two. The greens are very undulating and threatening to be extremely fast.

Davies has conceded that she will not be No 1 in Europe again this year — Liselotte Neumann, after a triumphant week in Sweden, has seen to that. Neumann, the British Open champion, will be attempting to win her third event in a row, but it will not be easy. The Americans here are eager for Solheim Cup points. The team to face the Europeans at The Greenbrier in West Virginia in October will be chosen on September 18 and a lot of people are more than a little anxious, according to JoAnne Carner, the United States captain.

"The top five are pretty relaxed," Carner said, "but the rest are nervous wrecks. About the only way you can make a big jump in the standings this late in the year is to win a major."

Scot cutting a dash in pursuit of European dominance

From John Hopkins in Düsseldorf

COLIN Montgomerie swept into Düsseldorf for the German Open, which starts today, as the heir apparent with, apparently, a new hairstyle. Montgomerie, fresh from a trip to a barber who had altered his *coiffure*, is continuing the improvement he has shown each season as a professional. After becoming Europe's leading money-winner last season, he is on schedule to repeat the feat this year, something he has never done before.

Montgomerie is going full pelt round Europe to make sure he does so. He considered taking a week off after his triumph in the Murphy's English Open last Sunday, but decided against it while he was playing so well. On Monday, he will drive with his caddie to Geneva for the European Masters in Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland. He will get there in time for the arrival of his wife, Eimear, their baby daughter and his mother-in-law to take a week's holiday. Thereafter, he will compete in the next four European *events to try and* preserve his place at the top of the order of merit.

His place has now been confirmed in the World Match Play Championship, at Wentworth, in October, but he has withdrawn from Scotland's team in the World Cup in November because, during the previous week, he will have played in the Alfred Dunhill Masters in Bali.

At the 1993 German Open, everyone was agog because it was the last tournament before the Ryder Cup team was selected and, as a result, it had one of the strongest fields of the year. There being no Ryder Cup this year, the field is weaker. The two leading contenders are Montgomerie, who finished fourth in 1993, and Bernhard Langer, the champion.

If Montgomerie is at the Hubbelrath course outside Düsseldorf to consolidate his position as Europe's leading money-winner and Langer is here to justify the expectations of his countrymen, then Mark Roe is simply glad to be here after being injured when he was hit on the head by an errant tee shot before the tournament last week.

"The ball hit me so hard that the stitch marks on my cap were imprinted on my forehead," Roe said, taking a break from working out in the fitness trailer. "It was a good thing I was wearing the cap. If I hadn't, I might have lost the sight of one eye or had my head split open."

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Surrey 130 Nottinghamshire 107; Sussex 127 Hampshire 115.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE 2ND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: *Sittingbourne:* Kent 257 (N R Taylor 91; O T Parkin 4-49) and 225-2 (D P Fulton 127 not out, S Ahmed 69 not out). Glamorgan 189 (E J Stanford 6-63) and 143 (Stanford 5-47, G J Sheen 4-74). Kent won by 150 runs. Taunton: Somerset 216 (P Aldred 4-74) and 241 (M E Cassar 7-68). Derbyshire 184 (I G S Steer 85) and 134 (M Dimond 4-26). Somerset won by 139 runs. Cheam: Surrey 166 (O M Slipper 57; J P Taylor 4-40) and 286 (D J Thompson 60, G J Kennis 54; S J Boswell 4-34). Northamptonshire 283 (T Bailey 84; R W Nowell 4-58) and 73 (R W Nowell 7-13). Surrey won by 96 runs. Chelmsford: Essex 192 (G Khan 59, O J Robinson 53; M Davies 5-34) and 169 (Robinson 57; M Akram 6-66). Gloucestershire 294 (G G Hinks 96, R J Cunliffe 73) and 68-3. Gloucestershire won by seven wickets. Studley: Sussex 353-8 dec (J W Hall 137, K Greenfield 91, O R Brown 5-71) and 189-4 dec (M T E Peirce 69 not out). Warwickshire 203-5 dec and 44-1. Match drawn. Southampton: Middlesex 229 (J C Pooley 123 not out; J N B Bovill 6-69). Hampshire 117-0 (R M F Cox *50 not out*, P R Whitaker 59 not out). Hinckley: Leicestershire 353-5 dec (P E Robinson 125 not out, B F Smith 77) and 169-3 dec (T J Boon 60 not out, P E Robinson 57 not out). Lancashire 211 (J M Fielding 94 not out; A O Mullally 5-66) and 2-0. Match drawn. Old Hill: Worcestershire 277 and 355 (S W K Ellis 89, C J Eyers 51; G M Hamilton 5-90). Yorkshire 403 (J Middlebrook 62; C J Eyres 4-81) and 72-2. Match drawn.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: *Beaconsfield:* Buckinghamshire 210-8 (Balgent 100; Golding 6-68) and 8-0. Suffolk 229 and 206-5 (Randall 52, Wijesuriya 58, Scriven 5-66).

GLIDING

LASHAM: National junior championships: Fifth day (provisional, c160km to via Pewsey or Marlborough, Kingston Bagpuize or Didcot. 2 completions of 37): 1, O Francis (Ventus C) 75.1kph, 720pts; 2, O Allison (LS4) 61.3kph, 708; 3, G Westgate (Nimbus 2) 157.5km, 550; 4, G Smith (SZD Jnr) 108.0km, 352; 5, S Bolt (K10) 99.7, 319; 6, P Masson (Grob 102C) 98.3, 313; 7 equal, M Davies (Astir CS) and I Evans (Hornet) 96.3, 305; 9, A Duerden (LS4) 91.3, 285; 10, L Withell (Discus) 90.6, 282; 11, R Tait (STD Jantar) 88.1, 272; 12, R Toon (Discus B) 86.6, 266. Overall (five days, of 37): 1, Francis 3,167pts; 2, Allison 3,005; 3, Westgate 2,957; 4, Toon 2,728; 5, H Rebbeck (LS4) 2,579; 6, O Ward (Discus B) 2,521; 7, J Rebbeck (Discus) 2,501; 8, S Harland (SZD 55) 2,164; 9, Withell 2,150; 10, M Miller-Smith (Nimbus 2) 2,030; 11, H Morris (LAK 12) 1,855; 12, Masson 1,938.

EQUESTRIANISM

WESTON PARK: Champion Hats Pony Club Dressage Championships: 1, Wyley Valley 923; 2, East Essex, 906; 3, Vale of White Horse 904. Best junior: C Keevil, 481 (Wyley Valley). Best boy: R Gregg, 486 (Old Berkeley Hunt, North). Best individual: N Crisp, 790 (East Essex). Junior mounted games final: 1, East Essex South, 58. Seniors runners-up competitions: 1, Cheshire South 93.

GOLF

BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES: Second round: S Hubbard and T Hubbard bt F Bennett and L Bennett 1 hole; H Thorne and J Thorne bt A Robertson and P Robertson 7 and 5; S M Mote and T P Mote wo M Ling and S J Watson; O Collins and C Collins bt H Monasterio and P Monasterio 6 and 5; A J Cox and A Cox bt S Birley and E Birley 5 and 4; B Cox and S Cox bt J M R McKissack and H L Ray 19th hole; L Mellett and A Mellett bt O Smith and P Smith 2 and 1; P Legg and G Legg bt J Morgan and A Morgan 3 and 2; J Brown and P Brown bt G Barrall and R Barratt 2 and 1; S N Tilling and O Gadney bt M A Gardner and N Gardner 2 and 1; S Greenleaf and A Greenleaf bt P Deehan and P Deehan 5 and 4; B Bell and W Bell bt G I Jenkins and S Jenkins 2 holes; H Craufurd and R Craufurd bt E G Hollington and R F Hollington 2 and 1, K M A Warrin and R T Warrin bt M Donald and A Donald 6 and 4; O Dixon and H Dixon bt J R Thornhill and C Weeks 1 hole; J Lawson and P Lawson bt P C Cohen and S Lambert 2 and 1; M J Toole and S J Toole bt P Baker and P Baker 5 and 4; P A Sherwood and S A Tucker bt J McFarland and P McFarland 3 and 2; A Cotton and T Cotton bt L Hudable and N Hudable 5 and 4; J Aitken and A Sims bt A Rowan and S Rowan 2 holes; O Bowes and O Bowes bt O Morgan and C Morgan 4 and 3; A Croft and M Croft wo E Brooks and O Adams; J Burrage and S Burrage bt C Constable and M DiMichele 4 and 2; J Birley and J Birley bt J Gelson and M Dear 2 holes; H Deane and R Earnshaw bt O Nugent and O Nugent 2 holes; M Hiscocks and S Hiscocks bt B Allen and A Allen 19th hole; J Walker and E Walker bt E Peck and S Peck 5 and 3; O L Donald and K Rowe bt S Ferguson Jones and M Ferguson Jones 4 and 3, O Bailey and K Freerson bt C Caldwell and R Caldwell 4 and 3; N T Dolton and S Dolton bt P Burton and K Burton 2 and 1; A R Massey and J Massey bt J Wilson and J C Wilson 6 and 5; L Gilbert and P Gilbert bt H A Mole and E Mote 4 and 2.

HOCKEY

PENANG, Malaysia: Six-nation tournament: England 5 South Africa 1; Malaysia 3 Australia 1.

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Bathurst Cup: Final: Great Britain bt United States 3-2 (British names first: J Snow bt M Clothier 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; N Pendrigh lost to T Chisolm 5-6, 4-6, 2-6; Snow bt Chisolm 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; Pendrigh lost to Clothier 5-6, 2-6, 3-6. Snow and McMurrugh bt Chisolm and Clothier 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-5).

RUGBY UNION

BRISBANE: Under-18 international: Australia 12 Wales 19.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Hamlet Cup (US unless stated): First round: R Reneberg bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 3-0 ret ; S Edberg *(Swe)* bt M *Petchey* (GB) 6-2, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt O Vacek (Cz) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; T Martin bt O Rikl (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-4, 6-1; C Pioline (Fr) bt M Damm (Cz) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt R Weiss 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; M Haded (Col) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; M Washington bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 6-2, 6-1; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Grabb 7-6, 6-3; L Roux (Fr) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; M Joyce bt P McEnroe 6-4, 6-2, M Chang bt H Holm (Swe) 6-0, 7-6; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, K Novacek (Cz) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-4, 7-6; I Martinez (Mex) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

NEW YORK: International open: First round (US unless stated): Men: I Lendl bt R Gilbert (Fr) 0-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt L Lavalle (Mex) 7-5, 7-6; J Eltingh (Holl) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 7-6, 7-6; C Adams bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-3, 6-1; S Bryan bt J Bates (GB) 6-3, 6-1; M Goellner *(Ger) bt B Steven (NZ)* 6-3, 6-4; *S* Bruguera (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-2, 6-0; Y el Aynaoui (Mor) bt J Tarango 6-4, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Women: A Coetzer (SA) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-1, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt P Shriver 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; L Neiland (Lat) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; Y Kamio (Japan) bt A Lettiere 6-2, 6-2; O Graham bt E Maniokova (Russ) 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt N Herreman (Fr) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, M Werdel bt M McGrath 6-3, 7-5; M Oremans (Holl) bt M *Sánchez Lorenzo* (Sp) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3.

UMAG, Croatia: *Men's tournament:* C-U Steeb (Ger) bt F Davin (Arg) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; G Schaller (Austria) bt S Cortes (Chile) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt F Clavet (Sp) 4-1 ret ; H Skoff (Austria) bt O Nargiso (It) 7-5, 6-4; T Nydahl (Swe) bt X Daufresne (Bel) 6-3, 6-0; R Jabali (Br) bt S Youl (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; S Hirszon (Cro) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 5-4 ret.; T Carbonell (Sp) bt S Huet (Fr) 7-5, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
First leg scores in brackets

FOOTBALL

European Cup-Winners Cup
Preliminary round, second leg

Sligo Rovers (2) v Floriana (2) (5.0)
Tatran Presov (1) v Bangor (0)
Zhalgiris Vilnius (1) v Barry Town (0) (4 0)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Halifax v Northwich (7 45)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0). First division: Derby v Nottingham Forest, Notts County v Rotherham; Tranmere v Leeds. Second division: Bradford v Newcastle; Sheffield Wednesday v Blackpool.

TNT GOLD CUP: Sectional matches: Larne v Coleraine, Glenavon v Ballyclare, Carrick v Ards

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
First one-day international
11.0, 55 overs
EDGBASTON: *England v South Africa*

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four, 110 overs minimum

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Kent
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Middlesex

Under-19 international
HEADINGLEY (second day of tour): England v India
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Ipswich v Eastbourne (7.30). Second division: Middlesbrough v Exeter (7.30). Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45).

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Aberdeen 1 Skonto Riga (Lat) 1 (1-1 on agg, Skonto Riga win on away goals rule); Cork City 0 Slavia Prague (Cz Rep) 4 (Slavia Prague win 6-0 on agg); GKS Katowice (Pol) 6 Inter Cardiff 0 (GKS Katowice win 8-0 on agg). Havnar Boltfelag (Faeroe Is) 1 Motherwell 4 (Havnar win 7-1 on agg); Linfield 3 *Hafnarfjordur (Ice) 1 (Linfield win 3-2 on agg)*; Shamrock Rovers 0 Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 1 (Gornik Zabrze win 8-0 on agg); Slovan Bratislava (Slovenia) 3 Portadown 0 (Slovan Bratislava win 5-0 on agg).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers 3 Leicester City 0; Leeds United 1 Arsenal 0; Wimbledon 1 Ipswich Town 1.

COCA-COLA CUP: First round, second leg: Barnsley 0 Darlington 0 (2-2 on agg, *Barnsley win on away goals rule*); Birmingham City 2 Shrewsbury 0 (Birmingham win 3-2 on agg); Brentford 2 Colchester United 0 (Brentford win 4-0 on agg), Cambridge United 2 Portsmouth 3 (Portsmouth win 5-2 on agg); Carlisle United 3 Rotherham United 1 (Carlisle win 3-2 on agg); Chester 2 Lincoln City 3 (Lincoln win 5-2 on agg), Chesterfield 4 Blackpool 2 (Chesterfield win 6-3 on agg), Fulham 1 Luton Town 1 (2-2 on agg, Fulham win 4-3 on *penalties); Grimsby Town 1 Bradford City* 2 (Bradford win 4-2 on agg); Hartlepool 5 Bury 1 (Hartlepool win 5-3 on agg); Huddersfield Town 3 Scunthorpe United 0 (Huddersfield win 4-2 on agg); Leyton Orient 1 Barnet 1 (Barnet win 5-1 on agg); Mansfield Town 1 Rochdale 0 (Mansfield win 3-1 on agg), Peterborough 0 Oxford United 1 (Oxford win 4-1 on agg); Plymouth Argyle 2 Walsall 1 (Walsall win 5-2 on agg); Port Vale 1 Bristol Rovers 1 (Port Vale win 4-2 on *agg); Reading 3 Gillingham 0 (Reading* win 4-0 on agg); Scarborough 2 Hull City 0 (Scarborough win 3-2 on agg); Stockport County 4 Preston North End 1 (Stockport win 5-2 on agg); Swansea City 2 Exeter City 0 (Swansea win 4-2 on agg); Torquay United 4 Cardiff City 2 (Torquay win 4-3 on agg). Watford 1 Southend United 0 (Watford win 1-0 on agg); Wigan Athletic 3 Crewe Alexandra 0 (Wigan win 4-2 on agg); Wrexham 1 Doncaster 1 (Wrexham win 5-3 on agg); Wycombe Wanderers 1 Brighton 3 (Brighton win 5-2 on agg); York City 2 Burnley 2 (Burnley win 3-2 on agg).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 5 *Stafford* 1, Bromsgrove Rovers 1 Bath 1; Kettering 0 Kidderminster Harriers 0; Merthyr Tydfil 0 Yeovil 0; Southport 5 Gateshead 0; Telford 1 Stalybridge Celtic 1; Welling 1 Woking 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: *First division:* Crystal Palace 2 Oxford United 1.

OTHER EUROPEAN RESULTS: Uefa Cup: Preliminary round, second leg: Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 1 Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo) 2 (Tbilisi win 4-1 on agg); Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 1 Valletta (Malta) 1 (Rapid win 7-3 on agg); Shumen (Bul) 1 Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) 2 (Anorthosis win 4-1 on agg); Hapoel Beersheba (Isr) 1 Aris Salonica (Gr) 2 (Aris win 5-2 on agg); Bekescsabai (Hun) 1 Vardar Skopje (Macedonia) 0 (Bekescsabai win 2-1 on agg); Zimbru Chisinau (Moldova) 0 Kispest-Honved (Hun) 1 (Kispest win 5-1 on agg); Flora Tallinn (Est) 0 OB Odense (Den) 3 (Odense win 6-0 on agg); FC Jazz (Fin) 0 FC Copenhagen (Den) 4 (Copenhagen win 4-1 on agg); Anjalankoski (Fin) 0 Inter Bratislava 1 (Anjalankoski win 3-1 on agg), Touran (Az) 0 Fenerbahce (Tur) 2 (Fenerbahce win 7-0 on agg); Shakhtyor Donetsk (Ukr) 2 Lillestrøm (Nor) 0 (Lillestrøm win 4-3 on agg); Ararat Erevan (Armenia) 0 CSKA Sofia (Bul) 0 (CSKA Sofia win 3-0 on agg).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2 Purfleet 5, Bromley 1 Harrow 0; Dulwich 3 Marlow 2, Enfield 1 Kingstonian 1; *Hayes* 3 Molesey 2; Hitchin 0 Carshalton 1; Slough 2 Gray's 0; St Albans 4 Chesham 2; Sutton Utd 2 Yeading 0, Walton and Hersham 2 Hendon 0, Wokingham 0 Aylesbury 1. First division: Abingdon 1 Maidenhead 2; Dorking 0 Tooting and Mitcham 1, Heybridge Swifts 4 Barking 3, Staines 3 Basingstoke 1, Wembley 0 Boreham Wood 2; Whyteleafe 2 Bognor Regis 3; Worthing 0 Uxbridge 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1 Atherstone 1, Cheltenham 1 Gresley Rovers 1, Crawley Town 0 Gloucester 1; Dorchester 3 Sittingbourne 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Rushden and Diamonds 1; Halesowen 4 Leek Town 5; Sudbury 5 Corby 1. Trowbridge 0 Worcester 1. Midland division: Armitage 1 Dudley 2, Bedworth Utd 1 Evesham Utd 3; Bilston 1 Moor Green 3; Bridgnorth 1 Forest Green 0; Hinckley 1 King's Lynn 2; Ilkeston 4 Rothwell 4; Leicester Utd 0 Buckingham 1; Nuneaton Borough 3 Stourbridge 0; RC Warwick 1 Sutton Coldfield 1, Tamworth 2 Grantham 2. Southern division. Bashley 1 Tonbridge 1; Burnham 1 Ashford 5, Bury Town 2 Baldock 3, Clevedon 2 Weymouth 2; Erith and Belvedere 5 Braintree 5; Newport IOW 1 Waterlooville 3. Witney 0 Weston-super-Mare 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 3 Barrow 1, Colwyn Bay 0 Marine 1, *Gainsborough* 0 Buxton 2, Knowsley 2 Horwich 1; Matlock 2 Guiseley 3; Morecambe 2 Whitley Bay 0; Witton 1 Droylsden 1 First division: Farsley Celtic 2 Curzon Ashton 1, Fleetwood 4 Gt Harwood 0, Goole Town 1 Harrogate 1; Gretna 1 Blyth Spartans 1, Netherfield 0 Workington 1; *Radcliffe* Borough 1 Bamber Bridge 4

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield Utd 2 Liversedge 1, Denaby Utd 1 *Armthorpe* Welfare 1; Lincoln Utd 0 Stocksbridge P S 2; North Ferriby 2 Sheffield 2; Ossett 1 Thackley 1; Pontefract Col 0 Hucknall 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 1 Paulton Rovers 2; Odd Down 0 Westbury Utd 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Ashton 1 Nelson 3; Atherton Coll 1 Haslingden 2; Blackpool Mecs 2 Flixton 2, Castleton Gabriels 3 Daisy Hill 1; Maghull 1 Oldham Town 3; Stantondale 2 Irlam Town 1; Tetley Walker 1 Squires Gate 0 First division: Blackpool Rovers 2 Bacup Borough 0, Bradford Park Avenue 2 Trafford 2; Chadderton 2 Penrith 2; Kidsgrove Athletic 0 Clitheroe 3, Maine Road 0 Burscough 1; Prescot 4 Salford City 1; Skelmersdale Utd 1 *Eastwood* Hanley 6.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian 1 Sheppey Utd 1, Cray Wanderers 1 Darenth Heathside 0; Faversham 3 Canterbury City 0; Furness 4 Kent Police 0, Greenwich Borough 6 Crockenhill 2; Ramsgate 1 Folkestone Invicta 1; Thamesmead 1 Dartford 1, Tunbridge Wells 1 Slade Green 3; Whitstable 2 Chatham 3.

Meninga ponders options

By Christopher Irvine

LONDON Broncos may get their star turn, but there is no guarantee that he will play. At 34, Mal Meninga, the Australia rugby league captain, is keener on retirement after the Kangaroos tour here this autumn than a swansong in the English second division.

Meninga has been offered a two-year contract by the Barnet-based side's Australian owners, but said: "I may play a few games after the tour, but it will only be a few. I don't want to play footie. I want to concentrate on other things and enjoy watching the game."

Another offer by Canberra to be a part of his existing club's marketing set-up might prove the more tempting of the two options. Meninga said he had no wish to join London as a full-time player. Talks with him have centred on appearances in home games only, with a separate role in the marketing of the club.

"Canberra want a marketing arm, with me as part of that. It could turn out to be a good job offer, but if I do go to London, I definitely won't be going as a player," Meninga said yesterday.

Phil Larder, the favourite to succeed Malcolm Reilly as Great Britain coach, is maintaining a diplomatic low profile, with speculation growing that the Rugby Football League (RFL) board of directors will next week appoint him for the three-match John Smith's series against Australia, rather than retain Reilly in the short-term before his move in November to the Australian club, Newcastle Knights.

As assistant to Reilly on three Britain tours, Larder has both the credentials and experience. "With the Aussies due in five weeks, the logical thing would be to keep Malcolm there," he said. "It's flattering to be talked about as a candidate, but nobody has mentioned anything to me about taking over."

Keighley, Larder's new club after leaving Widnes, have no objection to him performing the dual club-country coaching role. "If they want Phil, we'd encourage it. It would be brilliant for a second division club like ourselves," Mick O'Neill, the chairman, said.

Should the board plump for Larder, then it could well bring Ellery Hanley, the Leeds player-coach, back into the international fold as Larder's assistant. The two have a mutual respect, having worked alongside each other for five years at the time Hanley was the Britain captain until 1992.

Australia are due to name their 28-strong tour squad after the Winfield Cup season next month. Paul Harrogan, the first-choice blindside prop forward, will miss the opening three matches, against Cumbria on October 2, and Leeds and Wigan the following week, after being suspended by the Australian League for a high tackle in a recent match.

An appeal by the RFL to clubs to negotiate player fees more effectively, without resort to the transfer tribunal, has been heeded in the moves to Widnes by Jason Green and Paul Myler, for £15,000 and £10,000, from Rochdale and Warrington respectively, following agreements reached by the clubs.

Wigan have signed Gael Tirca, 18, from the French club, Carcassonne, on a three-year deal.

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All-rounders' chance to impress

Atherton's horizon stretches beyond Edgbaston limits

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

IT WAS as recently as May, though he will think it half a lifetime ago, that Michael Atherton made 81 and led England to victory over New Zealand in the first international game of this roller-coaster summer. On his return to Edgbaston today, a packed crowd will be able to acclaim his survival as captain for the coming winter tour.

After the enervating drama of the Oval, a two-match Texaco Trophy series against South Africa seems inconsequential. For Atherton, at least, though, this is a day of great significance, the day on which his own, carefully calculated decision to continue as captain will receive official endorsement.

The selectors discussed the issue in Birmingham last evening and Raymond Illingworth, the chairman, will confirm Atherton's reappointment this morning. Any other decision now is inconceivable. It would also be both cruel and misguided. After a two-day rest in London and a game of golf at The Belfry, Atherton was in cheerful, positive mood yesterday. While anxious to impart his decision to Illingworth, who was not due to arrive in Birmingham until late in the day, Atherton was unambiguous about his intentions.

"A couple of days was all it took to clear my mind," he said. "These things have a habit of lingering on. When you have a disciplinary record, as I now have, it stays with you and that is unfortunate because I have always tried to play cricket in the right way. I never wanted it to get to the stage where it became an embarrassment to the side. That was my greatest concern.

"As captain, you try to set standards for others to follow. I have never been in much trouble before, but I know my moves in Australia are going to be under scrutiny, both on the field and, dare I say it, off the field. That is something I must watch out for."

With that, he handed over his candidature to the selectors and turned his mind to today's contest. It is the first time England have met South Africa in a one-day match since that farcical end to the World Cup semi-final in Sydney, early in 1992, when the curious regulations governing rain delays reduced South Africa's target from 22 off 13 balls to 21 off one.

Brian McMillan was the batsman on strike with the suddenly impossible mission, but this tough, imperturbable cricketer will probably have no chance to avenge himself today. He will only play if the fingers battered by Devon Malcolm on Saturday have healed sufficiently for him to bowl his full quota of overs and a test yesterday all but ruled him out.

If McMillan plays, the chances are that Allan Donald will not. Distressed and demoralised by the brutal treatment he received from a succession of England batsmen at the Oval, Donald dearly wants to restore his reputation on what he now considers his home ground.

Kepler Wessels, the captain, is very conscious of this: "Without a doubt, he would be very disappointed not to play here, but much as we would like to consider things like that, we have to pick what we think is the right side."

That is more likely to include the off spinner, Pat Symcox, and the medium pace of Richard Snell. Wessels, who took a full part at the Oval after a great deal of fluid was drained from the knee that constantly threatens his career, may move up to open.

England are also set to leave out their fastest bowler, despite the fact that Devon Malcolm enjoyed the Oval somewhat more than Donald. He was included in the 13-man party specifically for the likelihood of a quick pitch at Old Trafford and will sit out today's game, along with one of the all-rounders, Chris Lewis or Dominic Cork, who have been in resounding form for their counties in the past month. A single place on the Australian tour rests between them and Craig White, whose recovery from stress fractures of the shin is being closely monitored.

It would be folly for much heed to be paid to any fleeting heroics in a one-day match, but the fact remains that Lewis and Cork have that chance over the next few days, while White does not.

Shaun Udal is another whose county form could hardly be more impressive. After ten wickets in Hampshire's victory over Surrey last weekend, he has the chance to claim the second spin bowling place in Australia. He last played for England in that half-forgotten victory back in May and he, if nobody else, will hope that today's Edgbaston pitch is another slow turner.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, N H Fairbrother, C C Lewis, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, S D Udal, A R C Fraser, D G Cork, D E Malcolm.

SOUTH AFRICA (from): K C Wessels (captain), G Kirsten, W J Cronje, D J Cullinan, J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, D J Richardson, C R Matthews, P L Symcox, P S de Villiers, A A Donald, P N Kirsten, R P Snell.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE

Gaywood tucks bat behind pad in resolute defence at Lord's yesterday. He blossomed to make a century

Gaywood opens door for Devon

By Jack Bailey

LORD'S: Devon beat Lincolnshire by 18 runs.

LORD'S finals come and go, but as they go, this one measured up to the best of them. In the end, Devon came home as logic demanded they would after Lincolnshire had subsided to 70 for four with 28 of their 55 overs already gone and with a total of 281 staring them in the face.

But stirring deeds were still afoot and, thanks to bold hitting by Mark Fell, their captain, and David Gillett and a fierce swishing of the tail, there was always a chance that the combined skills of Peter Roebuck and his men would come to nothing. Even though Lincolnshire needed to score 91 from the last ten overs, they made a better fist of it than had ever seemed possible.

When the last wicket fell they were only 18 runs short with nine balls left. It had been a marvellous comeback from almost nowhere.

The MCC Trophy has no man-of-the-match award. Any adjudicator would have had an onerous task. There was Nick Gaywood, scorer of a century before lunch for Devon, who made the bulk of 90 runs put on for the first wicket and then shared in a stand of 103 with Roebuck.

There was Roebuck, the former Somerset captain, himself, scorer of 54 from 65 balls, taker of two vital wickets and possesser of remarkable *sang froid* when the chips were down in the closing stages.

On the Lincolnshire team there would have been one outstanding candidate. Mark Fell, Roebuck's opposite number, faced adversity with a spanking 73 which put his team back in the hunt; and this after an admirable spell of left-arm bowling while Devon were, for the most part, running riot.

When they had scored 189 for one at lunch from 41 overs, Devon appeared to have the match in the bag. The Devonian section of the Tavern stand were in raptures of delight and remained so to the end of Devon's innings and well into the afternoon, especially as the early Lincolnshire batsmen, including Jon Wileman, scorer of six centuries this season, went cheaply.

Then, Lincolnshire's chances appeared as tangible as the pots of gold at the end of the double rainbow which appeared over Lord's in mid-afternoon.

But the 45-yard boundary on the Tavern side was there for the taking, and just as Devon had made use of it, so now did Lincolnshire.

Devon's chances of winning the western division of the Minor Counties championship, thus completing a notable double, depend on the match against Wales on Sunday and Herefordshire's defeat in their last game. After this, anything is possible.

Fit Reeve decides to leave Munton in charge

By Alan Lee

WEARY of body but willing of spirit, Warwickshire must today take a deep breath and embark upon ten days of constant cricket with incentives no club has been able to contemplate before. By the end of it, the grand slam will either be at their fingertips or a fond, improbable memory.

There has been no more crucial county game all summer than the one beginning at Hove today, when Warwickshire, leading the championship by 29 points with three games remaining, face one of their most realistic pursuers. Sussex, lying fourth, have never won the championship and there ought not to be a spare deckchair on the ground.

Their Sunday League fixture will go some way towards deciding that title and, for Warwickshire, the drive back to Birmingham on Monday evening is immediately followed by another four-day game against Hampshire and a dash to London for the NatWest Trophy final. It could all end in glory on an unimaginable scale or a dressing-room full of aching feet, heads and hearts.

Tim Munton will continue to captain Warwickshire today, but, intriguingly, Dermot Reeve is not deemed to be unfit, having passed a test on his groin injury yesterday morning. "He thinks the team has been doing fine without him," Bob Woolmer, the director of cricket, explained.

Success never guarantees serenity and, apart from trying to keep their two foreign stars happy, Warwickshire are engaged in talks to persuade Roger Twose of his future. Twose has had a wonderful season and is averaging 51 in first-class cricket, but he is being tempted to emigrate to New Zealand, where his girlfriend lives and where he might have more prospect of Test cricket.

Warwickshire expect to include both their spin bowlers, Neil Smith and Richard Davis, in anticipation of a turning pitch at Hove. Sussex have the adhesive Jamie Hall fit again.

Sussex won a low-scoring game, inside two days, against second-placed Leicestershire last week, but it was a bad-tempered affair. Yesterday, Leicestershire responded by suspending their opening bowler, Alan Mullally, who was reported by the umpires for abusive language. "We don't condone that type of behaviour and we felt this was the appropriate punishment," the cricket manager, Jack Birkenshaw, said.

This is not only an admirably tough reaction to a pervasive problem in county cricket, it is also a selfless one. Leicestershire will undeniably be the weaker for Mullally's absence today, despite the fact that their opponents at Cardiff are the potential wooden-spoonists, Glamorgan. Alamgir Sheriyar, who took a hat-trick against Durham on his first-class debut, replaces Mullally.

Leicestershire have the easiest run-in of the leading sides and have played a game fewer. Nevertheless, inexperience of such heights might now begin to count against them and the stronger challenge could come from their neighbours, Nottinghamshire, who may be without Paul Johnson and Andy Pick, through injuries, as well as Chris Lewis, who is with England, for the home match with Lancashire.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (16)	14	9	1	4	37	43	224
Leics (9)	13	7	5	1	36	47	195
Notts (7)	14	7	4	3	30	45	187
Sussex (10)	14	7	3	4	26	48	186
Surrey (6)	14	7	6	1	25	47	184
Somerset (5)	14	7	5	2	28	43	[illegible]
Essex (11)	14	6	5	3	28	51	[illegible]
Kent (8)	14	6	5	3	35	50	[illegible]
Middlesex (1)	14	5	3	6	35	46	161
Northants (4)	14	6	4	4	22	41	159
Gloucs (17)	14	4	7	3	20	52	144
Durham (18)	14	4	9	1	28	48	140
Lancashire (13)	13	6	5	2	21	46	138
Hampshire (13)	13	4	6	4	22	42	136
Derbyshire (15)	14	4	8	2	23	45	132
Worcs (2)	13	3	5	6	30	46	124
Yorkshire (12)	13	2	6	5	28	42	102
Glamorgan (3)	13	1	7	6	26	37	79

Gloucestershire and Hampshire records include eight points for drawn matches in which scores finished level

Lancashire deducted 25 points because of unsuitable pitch

(1993 positions in brackets)

Matches to come

WARWICKSHIRE: Aug 25: Sussex (A); Aug 30: Hampshire (H); Sep 15: Gloucestershire (A).

LEICESTERSHIRE: Aug 25: Glamorgan (A); Aug 30: Gloucestershire (A); Sep 8: Hampshire (H); Sep 15: Lancashire (A).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Aug 25: Lancashire (H); Aug 30: Glamorgan (H); Sep 15: Middlesex (H).

SUSSEX: Aug 25: Warwickshire (H); Aug 30: Essex (A); Sep 15: Yorkshire (H).

SURREY: Aug 25: Middlesex (H); Sep 8: Yorkshire (A); Sep 15: Kent (H).

SOMERSET: Aug 30: Northamptonshire (H); Sep 8: Kent (A); Sep 15: Derbyshire (H).

ESSEX: Aug 30: Sussex (H); Sep 8: Derbyshire (A); Sep 15: Northamptonshire (H).

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Chapelshire (Mr A J Hodgson)	15,303
2	Duke Merley's XI (Robin Johnson)	15,268
3	Willcox's XI (Ian Willcox)	15,220
4	Kurz No 14 (Neil Kurz)	15,202
5	Shropshire B (Dan Field)	15,191
6	Nathan & Jordan CC (Graeme Clennell)	15,148
7	Lots Of Points XI (Mr S M McGregor)	15,093
8	Richies Hat (Mark Thompson)	15,024
9	Simply The Best (Michael H Delnichs)	15,016
10	Dicky Teds XI (R Martin)	15,013
11	Man Utd Cricket 11 (Matthew Lightfoot)	15,011
12	Elm Bank (R Chapman)	15,001
13	Stour Star (Michael Stour)	14,958
14	The Clangers (David Atkinson)	14,955
15	April Fools (M Roebuck)	14,920
16	East Belfastshire (Alan McQuitty)	14,916
17	Richards Rebels (Richard Edwards)	14,899
18	I Am Aussie Bound (Mark Jeffery)	14,892
19	Worth A Shout (M J Cutland)	14,891
20	Cowabunga-1 (Mr Christopher O J Walker)	14,877
21	Hove Champions (David Barker)	14,875
22	What No Gower (Mr Justin Latham)	14,874
23	Smart's XI (Alexander Smart)	14,855
24	Housans XI (R J Perry)	14,846
25	Terry's XI (Matthew Terry)	14,840
26	One Bounce Four XI (S Halbrook)	14,839
27	Grim Reapers XI (Mr Richard Lloyd)	14,839
28	Anacom (Darren McBride)	14,832
29	Winton Wanderers (Matthew Perry)	14,831
30	Murphs Marvels (Chris Murphy)	14,830
31	Wednesdayshire (Mr Andy Hibberd)	14,829
32	Herbery Long Hops (S J House)	14,828
33	Dave's Ravers (David Winteler)	14,826
34	Brownian Motion (David Mercer)	14,819
35	Champshire (Mr A Heppell)	14,817
36	Lousy Losers XI (Kevin Cooper)	14,811
37	Lewis Icc (Darren Hudson)	14,803
38	Jra XI (Jon Ayling)	14,791
39	In The Deep Vi! (Mr David Tweed)	14,781
40	Bad Boys Eleven (Mr Hector Chisholm)	14,778
41	The Winning Team (Mr M J Stuckey)	14,777
42	New Lancashire (Nick Bloxham)	14,771
43	Noonans Not Out (Martin John Royle)	14,771
44	The Last Wicket (John Le Poidevin)	14,770
45	Trousers First XI (J O Taylor Firth)	14,762
46	Kenshire CC (Mr J E Griffin)	14,761
47	Harrogate Arms (Andrew Dobby)	14,755
48	The Ashley Arms (M Davis)	14,752
49	Beware Of The Pog (Thomas Hamilton)	14,748
50	Barwicks Bunnys (Phillip Eldman)	14,738
51	Glos Trialists (Kevin Peacock)	14,733
52	Canmore XI (Thomas G Laing)	14,729
53	M P XI (Mr M Potts)	14,727
54	Meadlesex V (D J Mead)	14,720
55	Beamershire (Ben Sammons)	14,717
56	Ostler's Eleven (Mr G H Ostler)	14,708
57	Hermiston (Roger J Hermiston)	14,707
58	Kurz No 16 (Neil Kurz)	14,693
59	Altrincham First (Mr R J Barker)	14,686
60	Gold Diggers Of 33 (E A Bowsher)	14,670
61	Scrumagers (J D Marsh)	14,670
62	'Wanna' Be Champions! (Robert D Orill)	14,670
63	The J D XI (John Dyke)	14,668
64	Top Hole XI (J M Robertson)	14,667
65	Woolham 1st XI (D Mothersill)	14,662
66	Bowled Pringle 0 (Mr Iain Caine)	14,655
67	Super Subs (Mr John Brian Smiths)	14,654
68	Llamedos CC (James Hooker)	14,650
69	The Ethiopians (Ian Cook)	14,650
70	Pak Azad CC (Mr S Mohammed)	14,642
71	Class From The Past (Mark Liddiard)	14,640
72	Championshire (John Morris)	14,636
73	Tap It And Run (Neil Luker)	14,636
74	The Spin Elite (Eamonn Marley)	14,636
75	Hotonshire CCC (Anthony Salz)	14,633
76	The Run Inn XI (Simon Taylor)	14,633
77	Howe's That XI (T J Howe)	14,624
78	Lulee (David Maislish)	14,618
79	Kinas Head Boy XI (Nick G D Watkins)	14,612
80	Mungret (Mr Warren Hepples)	14,608
81	Noble's XI (Michael Noble)	14,605
82	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	14,604
83	Silly Pointless (Dr B I Hnyda)	14,603
84	Mangat's XI (J Mangat)	14,597
85	The Kings Men (Mike Aitken)	14,594
86	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	14,591
87	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	14,590
88	Duchess Of Lowton (Linda Watkins)	14,586
89	The Titanic CC (Nicholas Orlando Ran)	14,577
90	J R Select XI (John Robson)	14,576
91	Green's XI (R P Green)	14,571
92	Tomlin's XI (G S Tomlin)	14,568
93	Bilko Wonders 2 (Stephen A Bilton)	14,558
94	Willows (Mr R Meall)	14,548
95	Xanthamgum XI (Hugh J Taylor)	14,546
96	Lex II CC (G M Pick)	14,545
97	Kates Crackers (Kate MacLaren)	14,544
98	Take That And Walk (S R Brook)	14,542
99	Hell For Leather (Neil McHale)	14,536
100	Peach Party (Tanya Pettifer)	14,528

THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the Fourth Innings game, which started on August 10; others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by August 23.

Batsmen (001-113)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
C J Adams (001)	898	(52)	0	(0)	898	(52)	N
J C Adams (002)	670	(44)	22	(3)	1310	(104)	N
G F Archer (003)	682	(112)	0	(0)	682	(112)	N
Asif Din (004)	107	(0)	0	(0)	107	(0)	N
M A Atherton (005)	767	(86)	0	(0)	767	(86)	N
C W J Athey (006)	936	(32)	1	(0)	956	(32)	N
R J Bailey (007)	1001	(270)	6	(0)	1121	(270)	N
K J Barnett (008)	798	(109)	8	(0)	958	(108)	N
M R Benson (009)	732	(24)	0	(0)	732	(24)	N
D J Bicknell (010)	1125	(89)	0	(0)	1125	(89)	N
T J Boon (011)	453	(80)	0	(0)	453	(80)	N
P D Bowler (012)	513	(186)	0	(0)	513	(186)	N
N E Briers (013)	1053	(90)	0	(0)	1053	(90)	N
B C Broad (014)	496	(0)	0	(0)	496	(0)	N
A D Brown (015)	964	(132)	0	(0)	964	(132)	N
D Byas (016)	1163	(203)	2	(0)	1203	(203)	N
J D Carr (017)	1179	(413)	0	(0)	1179	(413)	N
P A Cottey (018)	1081	(161)	1	(0)	1101	(161)	N
G R Cowdrey (019)	401	(38)	0	(0)	401	(38)	N
R M F Cox (020)	114	(0)	0	(0)	114	(0)	N
J P Crawley (021)	1211	(10)	0	(0)	1211	(10)	N
M A Crawley (022)	172	(0)	1	(0)	192	(0)	N
T S Curtis (023)	855	(146)	0	(0)	855	(146)	N
J A Daley (024)	290	(21)	0	(0)	290	(21)	N
W A Dessaur (025)	154	(0)	0	(0)	154	(0)	N
D B D'Oliveira (026)	156	(67)	7	(2)	296	(107)	N
N H Fairbrother (027)	950	(227)	0	(0)	950	(227)	N
N A Felton (028)	445	(0)	0	(0)	445	(0)	N
N A Folland (029)	671	(37)	0	(0)	671	(37)	N
A Fordham (030)	708	(271)	0	(0)	708	(271)	N
G Fowler (031)	227	(0)	0	(0)	227	(0)	N
J E R Gallian (032)	874	(58)	10	(1)	1074	(78)	N
M W Gatting (033)	1539	(231)	2	(0)	1579	(231)	N
G A Gooch (034)	1519	(41)	3	(0)	1579	(41)	N
A P Grayson (035)	737	(146)	8	(0)	897	(146)	N
K Greenfield (036)	61	(0)	0	(0)	61	(0)	N
J W Hall (037)	669	(0)	0	(0)	669	(0)	N
T H C Hancock (038)	762	(78)	3	(0)	842	(78)	N
R J Harden (039)	926	(112)	0	(0)	926	(112)	N
A N Hayhurst (040)	1062	(103)	9	(0)	1242	(103)	N
D L Haynes (041)	874	(29)	0	(0)	874	(29)	N
D L Hemp (042)	1276	(170)	0	(0)	1276	(170)	N
S G Hinks (043)	242	(0)	0	(0)	242	(0)	N
G D Hodgson (044)	179	(44)	0	(0)	179	(44)	N
A J Hollioake (045)	627	(75)	24	(4)	1107	(155)	N
N Hussain (046)	889	(57)	0	(0)	889	(57)	N
S Hutton (047)	528	(91)	0	(0)	528	(91)	N
R C Irani (048)	800	(31)	28	(0)	1360	(31)	N
S P James (049)	716	(13)	0	(0)	716	(13)	N
P Johnson (050)	989	(102)	0	(0)	989	(102)	N
M Keech (051)	141	(0)	0	(0)	141	(0)	N
S A Kellett (052)	155	(8)	0	(0)	155	(8)	N
N V Knight (053)	730	(156)	1	(0)	750	(156)	N
A J Lamb (054)	774	(203)	0	(0)	774	(203)	N
M N Lathwell (055)	1122	(79)	3	(0)	1182	(79)	N
W Larkins (056)	930	(0)	0	(0)	930	(0)	N
D A Leatherdale (057)	803	(132)	5	(0)	903	(132)	N
N J Lenham (058)	734	(90)	0	(0)	734	(90)	N
J J B Lewis (059)	751	(73)	0	(0)	751	(73)	N
N J Llong (060)	163	(26)	6	(0)	283	(26)	N
G D Lloyd (061)	541	(135)	0	(0)	541	(135)	N
J I Longley (062)	585	(113)	0	(0)	585	(113)	N
M B Loye (063)	914	(5)	0	(0)	914	(5)	N
M A Lynch (064)	175	(62)	0	(0)	175	(62)	N
M P Maynard (065)	662	(188)	0	(0)	662	(188)	N
A A Metcalfe (066)	15	(15)	0	(0)	15	(15)	N
T C Middleton (067)	452	(0)	0	(0)	452	(0)	N
A J Moles (068)	787	(142)	0	(0)	787	(142)	N
T M Moody (069)	826	(98)	14	(0)	1106	(98)	N
H Morris (070)	822	(12)	0	(0)	822	(12)	N
J E Morris (071)	1174	(274)	1	(0)	1194	(274)	N
R S M Morris (072)	686	(0)	0	(0)	686	(0)	N
M D Moxon (073)	1039	(211)	0	(0)	1039	(211)	N
M C J Nicholas (074)	1029	(145)	0	(0)	1029	(145)	N
T J G O'Gorman (075)	853	(27)	0	(0)	853	(27)	N
D P Ostler (076)	1086	(250)	0	(0)	1086	(250)	N
T L Penney (077)	754	(77)	0	(0)	754	(77)	N
P R Pollard (078)	830	(183)	1	(0)	850	(183)	N
P J Prichard (079)	510	(22)	0	(0)	510	(22)	N
M R Ramprakash (080)	1055	(49)	0	(0)	1055	(49)	N
J D Ratcliffe (081)	87	(0)	0	(0)	87	(0)	N
R B Richardson (082)	551	(0)	0	(0)	551	(0)	N
D D J Robinson (083)	38	(38)	0	(0)	38	(38)	N
P E Robinson (084)	84	(0)	0	(0)	84	(0)	N
R T Robinson (085)	1096	(205)	1	(0)	1116	(205)	N
A S Rollins (086)	668	(60)	0	(0)	668	(60)	N
M A Roseberry (087)	976	(77)	0	(0)	976	(77)	N
A C H Seymour (088)	179	(0)	0	(0)	179	(0)	N
N Shahid (089)	326	(0)	3	(0)	386	(0)	N
B F Smith (090)	628	(26)	0	(0)	628	(26)	N
I Smith (091)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Smith (092)	992	(75)	0	(0)	992	(75)	N
N J Speak (093)	1097	(200)	0	(0)	1097	(200)	N
A W Smith (094)	456	(18)	22	(1)	896	(38)	N
D M Smith (095)	326	(82)	0	(0)	326	(82)	N
M P Speight (096)	833	(88)	0	(0)	833	(88)	N
A J Stewart (097)	932	(77)	0	(0)	932	(77)	N
N R Taylor (098)	614	(56)	0	(0)	614	(56)	N
V P Terry (099)	944	(135)	0	(0)	944	(135)	N
G P Thorpe (100)	1116	(123)	0	(0)	1116	(123)	N
S P Titchard (101)	491	(73)	0	(0)	491	(73)	N
M E Trescothick (102)	809	(107)	0	(0)	809	(107)	N
R G Twose (103)	1228	(187)	11	(1)	1448	(207)	N
M P Vaughan (104)	963	(88)	13	(0)	1223	(88)	N
D M Ward (105)	788	(38)	0	(0)	788	(38)	N
T R Ward (106)	1207	(183)	0	(0)	1207	(183)	N
R J Warren (107)	456	(41)	0	(0)	456	(41)	N
A P Wells (108)	722	(79)	1	(0)	742	(79)	N
C M Wells (109)	287	(78)	11	(1)	507	(98)	N
W P C Weston (110)	666	(3)	0	(0)	666	(3)	N
J J Whitaker (111)	828	(36)	0	(0)	828	(36)	N
M G N Windows (112)	606	(266)	0	(0)	606	(266)	N
A J Wright (113)	867	(126)	0	(0)	867	(126)	N

All-rounders (114-156)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
M W Alleyne (114)	1140	(112)	41	(9)	1960	(292)	N
I D Austin (115)	237	(79)	23	(7)	697	(219)	N
P Bainbridge (116)	532	(88)	13	(5)	792	(188)	N
D J Capel (117)	43	(0)	0	(0)	43	(0)	N
G Chapple (118)	104	(19)	31	(5)	724	(119)	N
D G Cork (119)	359	(77)	33	(15)	1019	(377)	N
R D B Croft (120)	428	(102)	34	(7)	1108	(242)	N
A C Cummins (121)	511	(89)	51	(4)	1531	(149)	N
K M Curran (122)	882	(140)	27	(9)	1422	(320)	N
A Dale (123)	654	(74)	17	(0)	994	(74)	N
P A J DeFreitas (124)	518	(57)	63	(9)	1776	(237)	N
J E Emburey (125)	187	(0)	51	(0)	1207	(0)	N
K P Evans (126)	475	(88)	34	(6)	1155	(208)	N
M A Feltham (127)	239	(42)	29	(3)	819	(102)	N
M V Fleming (128)	784	(66)	7	(1)	924	(86)	N
P J Hartley (129)	309	(67)	45	(3)	1209	(127)	N
G R Haynes (130)	901	(303)	6	(1)	1021	(323)	N
G A Hick (131)	1276	(201)	8	(1)	1436	(221)	N
C L Hooper (132)	1407	(123)	27	(9)	1947	(303)	N
R K Illingworth (133)	382	(21)	39	(5)	1162	(121)	N
K D James (134)	315	(14)	20	(4)	715	(94)	N
S R Lampitt (135)	531	(33)	54	(6)	1611	(153)	N
R P Lefebvre (136)	240	(0)	21	(0)	660	(0)	N
C C Lewis (137)	705	(327)	40	(12)	1505	(567)	N
G W Mike (138)	255	(21)	41	(5)	1075	(121)	N
Mushtaq Ahmed (139)	168	(0)	45	(0)	1068	(0)	N
P J Newport (140)	307	(59)	46	(8)	1227	(219)	N
C Penn (141)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M Prabhakar (142)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
D A Reeve (143)	116	(0)	9	(0)	296	(0)	N
G D Rose (144)	542	(41)	43	(5)	1402	(141)	N
P V Simmons (145)	612	(48)	21	(5)	1232	(148)	N
N M K Smith (146)	404	(85)	42	(1)	1244	(105)	N
P A Smith (147)	363	(14)	18	(1)	723	(34)	N
J N Snape (148)	76	(0)	4	(0)	156	(0)	N
F D Stephenson (149)	693	(47)	61	(8)	1913	(207)	N
J P Stephenson (150)	507	(27)	23	(5)	967	(127)	N
C M Tolley (151)	164	(0)	8	(0)	324	(0)	N
Wasim Akram (152)	244	(0)	27	(0)	784	(0)	N
M Watkinson (153)	724	(25)	57	(8)	1864	(185)	N
V J Wells (154)	700	(82)	35	(2)	1400	(122)	N
P N Weekes (155)	482	(167)	37	(7)	1222	(307)	N
C White (156)	663	(0)	33	(0)	1323	(0)	N

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
A N Aymes (157)	585	(76)	31	(2)	1205	(116)	N
R J Blakey (158)	1060	(105)	60	(5)	2260	(205)	N
K R Brown (159)	622	(51)	46	(7)	1542	(191)	N
N D Burns (160)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
B N French (161)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
M A Garnham (162)	526	(62)	35	(6)	1226	(182)	N
W K Hegg (163)	341	(31)	42	(12)	1181	(271)	N
G J Kersey (164)	103	(10)	16	(2)	423	(50)	N
K M Krikken (165)	404	(45)	21	(6)	624	(165)	N
S A Marsh (166)	725	(175)	86	(12)	2045	(415)	N
C P Metson (167)	303	(61)	45	(5)	1203	(161)	N
P Moores (168)	593	(26)	54	(7)	1673	(166)	N
P A Nixon (169)	783	(102)	49	(8)	1763	(222)	N
K J Piper (170)	415	(122)	56	(9)	1535	(302)	N
S J Rhodes (171)	731	(54)	59	(10)	1911	(254)	N
D Ripley (172)	232	(9)	45	(4)	1132	(89)	N
R J Rollins (173)	9	(0)	1	(0)	29	(0)	N
R C Russell (174)	870	(71)	54	(9)	1950	(251)	N
C W Scott (175)	624	(27)	48	(9)	1584	(207)	N
R J Turner (176)	501	(65)	51	(7)	1521	(225)	N

Bowlers (177-269)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
J A Afford (177)	24	(0)	36	(0)	744	(0)	N
C E L Ambrose (178)	174	(20)	66	(12)	1494	(260)	N
S J W Andrew (179)	37	(14)	9	(2)	217	(54)	N
A M Babington (180)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M C J Ball (181)	374	(35)	18	(3)	734	(95)	N
A A Barnett (182)	14	(0)	10	(0)	214	(0)	N
S R Barwick (183)	24	(5)	29	(2)	604	(45)	N
S Bastien (184)	7	(0)	8	(0)	167	(0)	N
J D Batty (185)	48	(24)	6	(4)	168	(104)	N
J E Benjamin (186)	125	(8)	75	(6)	1625	(128)	N
W K M Benjamin (187)	231	(0)	24	(0)	711	(0)	N
P J Berry (188)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)	N
M P Bicknell (189)	95	(40)	19	(3)	475	(100)	N
I R Bishop (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
J Boiling (191)	48	(0)	4	(0)	128	(0)	N
M Broadhurst (192)	6	(0)	1	(0)	26	(0)	N
S J E Brown (193)	227	(44)	66	(11)	1547	(264)	N
M A Butcher (194)	445	(181)	14	(0)	725	(181)	N
A R Caddick (195)	199	(46)	44	(10)	1079	(246)	N
J H Childs (196)	94	(9)	35	(0)	794	(9)	N
C A Connor (197)	134	(0)	58	(4)	1294	(80)	N
N G B Cook (198)	89	(0)	14	(0)	369	(0)	N
K E Cooper (199)	84	(0)	38	(0)	844	(0)	N
A C Cottam (200)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
N G Cowans (201)	42	(0)	20	(0)	442	(0)	N
R P Davis (202)	114	(3)	19	(7)	494	(143)	N
M A Ealham (203)	520	(115)	26	(0)	1040	(115)	N
R M Ellison (204)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M G Field-Buss (205)	72	(0)	12	(0)	312	(0)	N
D P J Flint (206)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)	N
M J Foster (207)	159	(0)	3	(0)	219	(0)	N
A R C Fraser (208)	80	(12)	46	(10)	1000	(212)	N
O D Gibson (209)	669	(72)	49	(11)	1649	(292)	N
E S H Giddins (210)	49	(2)	48	(11)	1009	(222)	N
D Gough (211)	313	(75)	43	(5)	1173	(175)	N
D A Graveney (212)	297	(10)	27	(3)	837	(70)	N
F A Griffith (213)	123	(0)	8	(0)	283	(0)	N
D W Headley (214)	134	(0)	36	(0)	854	(0)	N
E E Hemmings (215)	65	(7)	33	(4)	725	(87)	N
A P Igglesden (216)	61	(0)	24	(0)	541	(0)	N
M C Ilott (217)	156	(42)	42	(12)	996	(282)	N
P W Jarvis (218)	301	(27)	42	(8)	1141	(187)	N
M Jean-Jacques (219)	30	(0)	5	(0)	130	(0)	N
R L Johnson (220)	205	(0)	39	(0)	985	(0)	N
M S Kasprowicz (221)	312	(62)	51	(13)	1332	(322)	N
N M Kendrick (222)	112	(32)	9	(4)	292	(112)	N
D R Law (223)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M J McCague (225)	248	(119)	47	(15)	1188	(419)	N
D E Malcolm (226)	75	(27)	60	(17)	1275	(367)	N
N A Mallender (227)	218	(0)	14	(0)	498	(0)	N
P J Martin (228)	305	(23)	43	(16)	1165	(343)	N
R J Maru (229)	133	(6)	14	(2)	413	(46)	N
D J Millns (230)	314	(72)	60	(9)	1514	(252)	N
D H Mortensen (231)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
A D Mullally (232)	102	(29)	30	(6)	702	(149)	N
T A Munton (233)	96	(30)	67	(5)	1436	(130)	N
A J Murphy (234)	10	(0)	2	(0)	50	(0)	N
J A North (235)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
G J Parsons (236)	442	(103)	37	(7)	1182	(243)	N
M M Patel (237)	244	(19)	85	(11)	1944	(239)	N
R M Pearson (238)	45	(0)	4	(0)	125	(0)	N
A L Penberthy (239)	537	(71)	29	(2)	1117	(111)	N
D B Pennett (240)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Pick (241)	227	(0)	54	(8)	1307	(160)	N
A C S Pigott (242)	124	(0)	20	(0)	524	(0)	N
A R K Pierson (243)	220	(61)	30	(1)	820	(81)	N
N V Radford (244)	127	(20)	37	(10)	867	(220)	N
A R Roberts (245)	210	(47)	16	(4)	530	(127)	N
M A Robinson (246)	43	(11)	27	(5)	583	(111)	N
I D K Salisbury (247)	215	(32)	43	(7)	1075	(172)	N
K J Shine (248)	39	(13)	26	(2)	559	(53)	N
R W Sladdin (249)	42	(0)	4	(0)	122	(0)	N
G C Small (250)	63	(22)	30	(6)	663	(142)	N
D J Spencer (251)	46	(0)	10	(0)	246	(0)	N
R D Stemp (252)	223	(30)	45	(6)	1123	(150)	N
P M Such (253)	148	(45)	50	(7)	1148	(185)	N
J P Taylor (254)	58	(0)	31	(0)	678	(0)	N
S D Thomas (255)	15	(0)	3	(0)	75	(0)	N
M J Thursfield (256)	39	(0)	16	(0)	359	(0)	N
T D Topley (257)	2	(0)	1	(0)	22	(0)	N
H R J Trump (258)	225	(51)	25	(5)	725	(151)	N
P C R Tufnell (259)	14	(0)	30	(12)	614	(240)	N
S D Udal (260)	499	(14)	62	(10)	1739	(214)	N
M J Vandrau (261)	435	(126)	23	(6)	895	(246)	N
A P van Troost (262)	86	(24)	32	(8)	726	(184)	N
C A Walsh (263)	266	(33)	81	(8)	1886	(193)	N
Waqar Younis (264)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
A E Warner (265)	79	(5)	18	(5)	439	(105)	N
S L Watkin (266)	77	(9)	43	(4)	937	(89)	N
N F Williams (267)	111	(0)	20	(0)	511	(0)	N
J Wood (268)	119	(0)	34	(3)	799	(60)	N
G Yates (269)	252	(39)	30	(1)	852	(59)	N

New players

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total	Inj
M Azharuddin (301)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B C Lara (302)	(53)	(0)	(53)	N
M Saxelby (303)	(165)	(0)	(165)	N
W M Noon (304)	(85)	(9)	(265)	N
V P Clarke (305)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
S J Base (306)	(1)	(0)	(1)	N
J E Brinkley (307)	(5)	(2)	(45)	N
C E Cuffy (308)	(11)	(3)	(71)	N
T Edwards (309)	(3)	(0)	(3)	N
N F Sargeant (310)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B T P Donelan (311)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E W Silverwood (312)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.

The final column indicates whether a player is injured and has been officially declared inactive for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI judging panel (N - no, Y - yes). Short-term injuries and absences are not counted.

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Under-19 international

England v India

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; India Under 19 won toss): England Under 19 have scored 204 for seven wickets against India Under 19

ENGLAND UNDER 19: First Innings

M E Trescothick c Balaji Rao b Siddiqui 22
*M P Vaughan c Sharma b Saif 77
Anurag Singh lbw b Siddiqui 3
C J Schofield c Siddiqui b Saif 31
A C Morris b Saif 1
K J Innes c and b Saif 19
A O Edwards c Jatinder b Siddiqui 21
†I Dawood not out [illegible]
M M Betts not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 6) 19
Total (7 wkts, 59 overs) 204

G Keedy and S Lugsden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-60, 3-137, 4-142, 5-153, 6-187, 7-202.

BOWLING: Siddiqui 23-7-79-3; Saif 23-6-76-4; Laxman 4-2-16-0; Sriram 3-1-6-0; Balaji Rao 6-1-14-0.

INDIA UNDER 19: *A Sharma, A Mazumdar, Jatinder Singh, T Kumar, V S Laxman, P Dharmani, †M Mewada, S Sriram, M Saif, I Siddiqui and Balaji Rao.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and G J Meyer.

MCC Trophy final

Devon v Lincolnshire

LORD'S (Lincolnshire won toss): Devon beat Lincolnshire by 18 runs

DEVON

N R Gaywood lbw b Fletcher 106
J O Wyatt c and b Bradford 24
P M Roebuck c French b Fell 54
G T J Townsend b French 29
S M Willis b Christmas 27
J K Tierney not out 7
K Donohue not out 2
Extras (b 2, lb 19, w 5, nb 6) 32
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs) 281

A C Cottam, O K Bosse, A D F le Fleming and A W Allin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-193, 3-202, 4-269, 5-275.

BOWLING: Fletcher 9-0-48-1; French 9-1-48-1; Wileman 5-0-27-0; Christmas 10-0-47-1; Bradford 11-0-51-1; Fell 11-1-39-1.

LINCOLNSHIRE

J R Wileman c and b Cottam 10
R J Evans b Donohue 14
R P Hesseltine lbw b Donohue 0
S N Warman c Cottam b Allin 23
M A Fell c Gaywood b Roebuck 73
D E Gillett c and b Roebuck 53
N French c Cottam b Tierney 7
D A Christmas c Roebuck b le Fleming 23
S D Fletcher c Cottam b le Fleming 25
S A Bradford not out 9
N P Dobbs c Bosse b Donohue 0
Extras (b 2, lb 17, w 7) 26
Total (53.3 overs) 263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-16, 3-40, 4-70, 5-183, 6-191, 7-192, 8-233, 9-257.

BOWLING: Le Fleming 9-0-62-2; Donohue 10.3-2-45-3; Cottam 8-1-31-1; Allin 11-3-26-1; Roebuck 11-0-50-2; Tierney 4-0-30-1.

Umpires: C Smith and G W Kuhlmann.

Fifth one-day international

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka won toss): Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 27 runs

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c and b Wickremasinghe 0
Aamir Sohail run out 25
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b A Ranatunga 25
*Salim Malik run out 19
Basit Ali c Vaas b Dharmasena 31
Asif Mujtaba c Mahanama b Dharmasena 25
Wasim Akram run out 0
Akram Raza not out 33
†Rashid Latif b Kalpage 0
Waqar Younis b Kalpage 13
Mushtaq Ahmed b Vaas 1
Extras (lb 5, w 3, nb 4) 12
Total (49.5 overs) 187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-54, 3-59, 4-82, 5-130, 6-130, 7-160, 8-162, 9-184.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 3-0-9-1; Vaas 7.5-1-39-1; A Ranatunga 10-0-23-1; Kalpage 10-1-39-2; Jayasuriya 10-0-39-0; Dharmasena 9-0-34-2.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama c Mujtaba b Waqar 52
S T Jayasuriya lbw b Wasim Akram 0
S Ranatunga run out 23
P A de Silva c Rashid b Aamir 6
*A Ranatunga b Waqar 32
†R S Kaluwitharana lbw b Raza 4
H P Tillekeratne b Waqar 15
R S Kalpage c Salim b Wasim Akram 4
H D P K Dharmasena not out 3
U C J Vaas run out 1
G P Wickremasinghe c Rashid b Wasim Akram 1
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 10, nb 1) 19
Total (48.1 overs) 160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-58, 3-73, 4-102, 5-136, 6-140, 7-151, 8-151, 9-157.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9.1-2-20-3; Waqar Younis 8-0-33-3; Akram Raza 10-0-25-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-0-27-0; Aamir Sohail 10-0-41-1; Salim Malik 1-0-6-0.

Umpires: U Wickremasinghe and P Manuel.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Never So Rite, centre, wins the George Robey Selling Stakes at Brighton from Lady Tumbleweed, left, and Flatford Princess, right

Chilly Billy heads quality crop

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER several seasons in which two-year-olds have been judged among the worst on record, the class of '94 looks set to restore the balance by being one of the most promising.

Like the economy, the quality of thoroughbred which contests the top races each term tends to be cyclical. However, the indicators suggest this season is providing more than its fair share of talented juveniles, especially among the fillies.

Hoh Magic, the Michael Bell-trained filly who won the group one Prix Morny at Deauville, is joint top-rated by *Timeform*, the Halifax-based assessors, while Eva Luna and Sharp Point, first and second in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes, are other fillies among their top five youngsters.

However, because of the strength in depth of the fillies, Hoh Magic is not even favourite or second favourite for next season's Madagans 1,000 Guineas and is widely available at 20-1. Geoffrey Gibbs, the British Horseracing Board's senior handicapper, said yesterday: "The fillies seem to be a good lot. What is encouraging is that the form is holding up against the colts. Hoh Magic's victory in France showed that and it tied up very well with [fourth placed] Silca Blanka.

"Since Ascot I have felt this year's two-year-olds were above average and the competition among them has been much greater than in the past. At the top level the fillies do look to be stronger in depth.

"We have reached the stage of the season where one can be pretty confident in saying they are above average because the top nursery horses are pushing the group and listed form up. Once you see that you know you have not got the group horses too high."

While Gibbs has Chilly Billy, the winner of the Gimcrack Stakes, rated as the best two-year-old he has no fewer than five fillies within 5lb of the Lynda Ramsden-trained colt, including Red Carnival and Harayir, who fought out a thrilling Cherry Hinton Stakes and now dominate the 1,000 Guineas betting.

Harayir, the winner of the Lowther Stakes at York, will go straight to the Cheveley Park Stakes, but Michael Stoute's unbeaten Red Carnival is likely to take on Eva Luna in the Moyglare Stakes at the Curragh on September 11 before re-opposing Dick Hern's filly at Newmarket.

Interestingly, Stoute has taken the precaution of entering his exciting daughter of Mr Prospector for the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp, where she would take on the colts, in case the ground is bad at the Curragh.

The form of the Cherry Hinton Stakes, in which Red Carnival got up in the final strides to defeat Harayir, has been boosted by fourth-placed Lovely Millie winning the Solario Stakes at Sandown last Friday. While Harayir is as short as 10-1 for the 1,000 Guineas after her York success, Red Carnival is available at 20-1, which makes considerable appeal.

There is no shortage of long prices available in the ante-post betting for the Ladbroke Gold Cup at Ayr after the publication of the weights yesterday. The sponsors make Humbert's Landing, trained by Paul Cole, their clear 16-1 favourite. No fewer than 136 horses have been entered and for the third year running there will be a consolation race, the Ladbroke Silver Cup, for horses who fail to get into the £75,000 Gold Cup.

The weights for the William Hill Cambridgeshire were also published yesterday, prompting the sponsors to make Wizard King, trained by Mark Prescott, the 14-1 favourite. He has been given 8st 7lb in a handicap headed by the John Gosden-trained Lower Egypt on 9st 10lb. Halling, the winner of a Ripon handicap for Gosden last Saturday, is next best among the 115 entries on 16-1.

The stewards of the Jockey Club yesterday decided to take no action against the rider, Steve Smith Eccles, after allegations of corruption in racing had appeared under his name in a Sunday newspaper last weekend.

Charnock banned after pile-up at Redcar

LINDSAY Charnock received a ten-day ban for irresponsible riding from the Redcar stewards yesterday after a five-horse pile-up in the opening race. He partnered Eurocon in the opening 16-runner Rundwick Bay Selling Handicap, won by Top Prize.

First to come down was Mena, partnered by Gary Forster. The filly appeared to clip the heels of Bilberry, the horse immediately in front of her. Within seconds four of the following runners, Magenta Boy, Kalko, Lafkadio and Milo, all positioned towards the rear of the field, were brought down.

The worst sufferer among the jockeys was Magenta Boy's partner, 3lb claimer, Jason Tate, who was stretchered off the track with a suspected broken collarbone and taken by ambulance to Middlesbrough General Hospital, accompanied by Forster, who was suffering from concussion.

John Stack (Kalko) and apprentice Danny Wright (Milo) were able to walk back to the weighing room — Stack being able to carry on riding — but Wright, who had no other mounts, had a badly swollen elbow and wrist.

The fifth jockey concerned, Neil Kennedy, on Lafkadio, gave up his only other booked mount, complaining of a bad headache.

Charnock had edged to his left as he drove Eurocon up to dispute the early running with Drop The Donkey. But Eurocon appeared to be well clear of Mena and Forster as that rival stumbled and fell when sixth.

Charnock, whose ban takes effect from September 2 to 11 inclusive, said after video recordings of the incident from all angles had been shown in the stewards' room: "I can't believe the stewards' decision. I'm just gobsmacked."

☐ John Carroll was suspended for two days (September 2 and 3) for careless riding at Brighton yesterday. The stewards found Carroll, on Lady Quinta in the opening Newhaven Handicap Nursery, had interfered with Silk Cottage (Tony Culhane) a furlong after the start.

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER
2.10 Cliburnel News. 2.40 Champagne N Dreams. 3.10 Icanspell. 3.40 Keep Your Distance. 4.10 Benjarong. 4.40 The Fed.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Sestriere.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 TANGIER 1680 CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,589: 1m 7f 16yd) (7 runners)

1 (7) -533 BRODESSA 44 (F) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 K Darley 99
2 (2) 010/ SELF IMPORTANT 290J (B,G) O Nolan 9-9-10 G Duffield –
3 (5) 1031 CLIBURNEL NEWS 7 (CD,F,G) W Muir 4-9-5 J Weaver 95
4 (4) /00- AYIA NAPA 127J Mrs G Bradburne 7-9-2 N Kinnon (7) –
5 (1) 0005 BRUSQUE 7 (S) Don Enrico Incisa 10-8-12 Kim Tinkler –
6 (3) 6350 VAYELLO 14 (F) C Smith 3-8-7 J Stack (5) 95
7 (6) 6050 CRUISING CHICK 17 S Norton 3-7-12 L Charnock 77

6-4 Brodessa, 7-4 Cliburnel News, 8-1 Vayello, Brusque, 10-1 Ayia Napa, 12-1 Self Important, 16-1 Cruising Chick.

2.40 STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,560: 7f 15yd) (7)

1 (1) 4250 CLEMENCY 14 T Barron 9-7 J Fortune 96
2 (5) 001 CASTLETOWN COUNT 36 (D,F) K Hogg 9-3 Dean McKeown 92
3 (2) 0606 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS S O Nicholls 9-1 Alex Greaves 87
4 (7) 6063 GOSPEL SONG 10 (F) W Kemp 9-1 J Lowe 99
5 (3) 6616 ROSE CHIME 33 (F) M Johnston 8-11 J Weaver 98
6 (4) 2334 SWEET CHEAP PET 5 (F,G) J Berry 8-9 P Fessey (7) 93
7 (6) 064 UNITED JEWEL 40 M W Easterby 8-8 L Charnock 81

5-2 Sweet Cheap Pet, 3-1 Gospel Song, 9-2 Castletown Count, 6-1 Clemency, Rose Chime, 7-1 Champagne N Dreams, 8-1 United Jewel.

3.10 EDMONDS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,931: 7f 15yd) (14)

1 (2) 5406 ROCKETEER 22 (B,D,G) W Muir 9-7 J Stack (5) 98
2 (5) 2118 MILOS 6 (D,F,G) T Naughton 9-6 Dean McKeown 98
3 (7) 4454 SHAREDFTHEACTION 17 (D,G) Mrs A Naughton 9-6 V Halliday (7) 94
4 (6) 0004 ADMIRALS FLAME 21 (S) C Wall 9-4 K Darley 95
5 (10) 0423 COLLIER ROW 0 J Berry 9-1 S D Williams 92
6 (13) 1354 DON PEPE 22 (CD,F) R Boss 9-1 G Duffield 84
7 (8) 1001 IT'S SO EASY 18 (D,G,S) M Johnston 8-12 J Weaver 95
8 (3) 0262 LANCASHIRE LIFE 7 E Alston 8-5 K Fallon 99
9 (14) 0000 FOUR OF SPADES 22 (B,G) B Beasley 8-3 N Varley (5) 95
10 (9) 0198 ICANSPELL 13 (D,G) T Barron 8-3 J Fortune 95
11 (1) 5530 BEE DEE BEST 6J Miss L Perratt 7-12 J Fanning 90
12 (12) 6418 GWERNYMYNYDD 13 (D,G) S Norton 7-10 L Charnock 84
13 (11) 0004 DOUBLING DICE 27 R Allan 7-7 J Lowe 97
14 (4) -600 MUSICAL MARCH 19 E Weymes 7-7 N Kennedy –

5-1 Misc., 6-1 Lancashire Life, Don Pepe, 7-1 Rocketeer, It's So Easy, 9-1 Collier Row, Gwernymynydd, 10-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Edinburgh: 3.40 Melody Dancer, Sestriere, 4.10 Denbydale, 4.40 First Play. Lingfield Park: 2.30 Winners Choice, 4.30 Anyar Reem, 5.00 Danish Connection, Northern Crossing. Worcester: 3.50 Blackdown Court, Ice Magic, 4.20 Woodlandsfor Power

3.40 ROYAL SCOTS HANDICAP
(£2,840: 1m 4f 31yd) (12)

1 (8) 5122 KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 29 (D,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 K Darley 94
2 (9) 0510 MAGIC TIMES 27 (D,G) M Johnston 3-9-7 J Weaver 92
3 (3) 0844 TEACHER 13 J Bethell 4-9-1 K Fallon 97
4 (7) 0026 MASTER HYDE 18 (G) W Storey 5-8-13 R Havlin (7) 92
5 (5) 0233 LADY DONOGHUE 8 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12 Dean McKeown 97
6 (4) 2666 ABALENE 15 (D,G) T Donnelly 5-8-8 J Fanning 98
7 (10) 3245 MELODY DANCER 23 (B,BF) S Norton 3-8-8 J Fortune 98
8 (2) 2622 SESTRIERE 8 (B,BF) M Prescott 3-8-8 G Duffield 97
9 (12) 4555 LE TEMERAIRE 20 (D,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 8-8-4 Kim Tinkler 98
10 (11) 1601 ROYAL CIRCUS 10 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 5-8-3 N Varley (5) 99
11 (1) 5360 OEMOKOS 23 (D,F,G) W Barker 9-7-9 L Charnock 97
12 (6) 3600 AUCKLAND CASTLE 19 Denys Smith 3-7-7 C Teague (7) 95

3-1 Keep Your Distance, 5-1 Lady Donoghue, 6-1 Sestriere, 7-1 Royal Circus, 8-1 Melody Dancer, 10-1 Abalene, Magic Times, 12-1 others.

4.10 SALAMANCA SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,734: 5f) (16)

1 (9) 0800 ABLE SHERIFF 13 (B) M W Easterby 8-11 L Charnock 84
2 (15) 650 BELMONT BUCCANEER 90 K Hogg 8-11 S Maloney 84
3 (6) 6154 BENJARONG 28 (CD,F) M Johnston 8-11 J Weaver 97
4 (7) 1533 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 14 (D,S) J Berry 8-11 K Darley 98
5 (12) 3130 ZIRCONIUM 22 (D,F) C Thornton 8-11 Dean McKeown 99
6 (10) 0534 ACHILL PRINCESS 13 W Kemp 8-6 J Lowe 96
7 (14) 2602 BRANSTON KRISTY 13 (V) C Smith 8-6 J Stack (5) 98
8 (3) CORKY'S GIRL R McKellar 8-6 Oliver Casey (7) –
9 (11) 0000 DENBYDALE 20 (B) S Norton 8-6 J Fortune –
10 (5) 066 DISTINCTIVELY SO 29 J Berry 8-6 G Duffield 94
11 (16) GORAM'S GIRL Miss L Perratt 8-6 J Fanning –
12 (8) 0506 IRISH ANGEL 12 B Richmond 8-6 K Fallon 84
13 (11) 4 LUCKY PEG 0 B Beasley 8-6 S D Williams 82
14 (2) 6 NIKKI NICHTERN 0 D Nicholls 8-6 V Halliday (7) –
15 (13) 4405 RICANA 27 W Kemp 8-6 J Marshall (5) 91
16 (4) 2 SHY TALKS LAST 0 P Evans 8-6 N Connorton 93

7-2 Distinctively So, 4-1 Sunday Mail Too, 5-1 Zirconium, 7-1 Benjarong, 8-1 Shy Talks Last, 10-1 Branston Kristy, 12-1 Achill Princess, 14-1 others.

4.40 PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,645: 5f) (6)

1 (5) 1061 GREY TOPPA 13 (CD,F,G) Denys Smith 3-9-12 C Teague (5) 99
2 (2) 3123 THE FED 10 (D,BF,F) R Whitaker 4-8-13 J Stack (3) 92
3 (4) 0360 FIRST PLAY 19 (B,G) M Johnston 4-8-9 Oliver Casey (5) 98
4 (1) 1350 FARNDALE 22 (D,G) J Berry 7-8-2 P Fessey (5) 90
5 (6) 0340 HONG KONG FUTURE 13 (B) S Norton 3-7-7 O Denby (5) 89
6 (3) 4405 UPPANCE 27 D Nolan 6-7-7 N Varley 86

7-4 The Fed, 5-2 Grey Toppa, 9-2 Farndale, 7-1 First Play, Hong Kong Future, 19-1 Uppance.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 11 winners from 45 runners, 24.4%; J Berry, 40 from 174, 23.0%; P Evans, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Johnston, 13 from 72, 18.1%; S Norton, 9 from 51, 17.6%; R Allan, 5 from 34, 14.7%

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 25 winners from 81 rides, 30.9%; K Darley, 31 from 152, 20.4%; G Duffield, 23 from 119, 19.3%; J Fortune, 10 from 72, 13.9%; J Stack, 3 from 23, 13.0%; J Marshall, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

☐ Roman Camp, trained by Clive Brinain and ridden by Guy Guignard, landed the Prix des Pivoines at Clairefontaine yesterday.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.20 Tompet. 2.50 Lucayan Gold. 3.20 The Green Stuff. 3.50 Runaway Pete. 4.20 The Blue Boy. 4.50 Spring To Glory.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 REDDITCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,756: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 0PP- FILE CONCORD 126 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-10 J McCarthy
2 02-2 TOMPET 17 (BF,G) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-6 T Jenks
3 651- ISLAND FOREST 115 (C,F,G) P Nicholls 8-11-2 Guy Lewis
4 F-42 COURT RAPIER 8 (C,F,G) R Alner 12-10-11 P Carey (3)
5 /PP- DARKBROOK 204 D Gandolfo 7-10-9 R Farrant

5-4 Tompet, 5-2 Island Forest, 3-1 Court Rapier, 8-1 File Concord, 12-1 Darkbrook.

2.50 HARTLEBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,849: 2m 2f) (9)

1 01-1 LUCAYAN GOLD 19 (C,D,F) K Bishop 10-11-10 D Morris
2 022- HATS HIGH 87 (G,S) F Gray 9-11-5 M Crosse
3 000- ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 5F (B,F) J O'Shea 8-11-5 A Maguire
4 P0-5 LITTLE BIG 12 (F,G) C Broad 7-11-4 N Collum (7)
5 P33- TRING PARK 106P (F) M Wilkinson 8-11-2 C Llewellyn
6 /46- SHAFAYIF 313 (F) H Manners 5-10-13 M Appleby (7)
7 PPP- VAIGLY BLAZED 12F (CD,F) C Horgan 10-10-0 M Perrett
8 000- TASHONYA 84 (C,F,G,S) B Wells 12-10-0 J Da Costa
9 /P-0 PROSPECT OF WHITBY 0 P Pritchard 8-10-0 R Davis (3)

6-4 Lucayan Gold, 3-1 Ecossais Danseur, 7-2 Hats High, 7-1 Little Big, 8-1 Shafayif, 10-1 Tring Park, 33-1 others.

3.20 DROITWICH HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,861: 2m) (5)

1 43-2 THE GREEN STUFF 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) A James 9-11-10 R Bellamy
2 646- THEY ALL FORGOT ME 82 (D,F,G) R Lee 7-10-2 A Maguire
3 220- WEEKDAY CROSS 13F (G) J Jenkins 6-10-1 J Railton
4 05-3 TRY ME NOW 12 (F) Miss E England 8-10-0 P Ward (7)
5 P-34 COUNTY CONTRACTOR 24 (B) C Popham 7-10-0 J R Kavanagh

6-4 Try Me Now, 5-2 The Green Stuff, 7-2 They All Forgot Me, 9-2 Weekday Cross, 14-1 County Contractor.

3.50 WYCHAVON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,821: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 9-11 RUNAWAY PETE 17 (CD,F) M Pipe 4-11-9 R Dunwoody
2 1 GAY GLINT 26 (D,F) N Graham 7-11-6 L Wyer
3 430- ICE MAGIC 8F (V) F Yardley 7-11-0 O Gallagher
4 P MASTER MARINER D Mrs S Johnson 6-11-0 Mr R Johnson (7)
5 /00- MR GERAN 31F B Palling 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
6 00-3 SUNGIA 12 K Bridgwater 5-11-0 D Bridgwater
7 4P/ USHAK 673 J Webber 6-11-0 R Bellamy
8 BP- WARASH 307 Mrs M McCourt 8-11-0 G McCourt
9 ZONK 38F R Alner 4-10-11 S Earle
10 PP BLACKDOWN COURT 14 (V) O R Tucker 4-10-6 D Leahy (3)

4-6 Runaway Pete, 4-1 Gay Glint, 7-1 Zonk, 10-1 Sungia, 12-1 Ice Magic, 14-1 Ushak, 25-1 Mr Geran, 33-1 others.

4.20 ALCESTER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,655: 2m 7f) (10)

1 /11 THE BLUE BOY 14 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-12 R Dunwoody
2 5/3- CZERMNO 76P (F,G) M Lloyd 11-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
3 P4P- DOUBLE U DEE 113P (G) A Chamberlain 11-11-0 B Powell
4 /3 BOLDEN PACT 18 T McGovern 8-11-0 N Williamson
5 12-4 GRATUITY 12 (F) C Barwell 9-11-0 N Mann
6 52P- HERE COMES CHARTER 162 W Clay 9-11-0 D Bridgwater
7 55-U HORCUM 17 P Pritchard 9-11-0 K Davies (7)
8 U52- MEKSHARP 84 J Smith 7-11-0 A Maguire
9 U26- STEEPLE JACK 269 (S) K Bishop 7-11-0 R Greene
10 P/3 WOODLANDSFOR POWER 8 (V,F) P Pritchard 8-11-0 R Davis (3)

4-6 The Blue Boy, 5-1 Gratuity, 7-1 Here Comes Charter, 10-1 Steeple Jack, 16-1 Czermno, Meksharp, 20-1 Horcum, 25-1 others.

4.50 MALVERN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,975: 3m) (6 runners)

1 52-3 SPRING TO GLORY 19 (F,G) P Hayward 7-12-0 A Maguire
2 450- STAR QUEST 6F (F) J Jenkins 7-11-8 N Williamson
3 U1- BETTY KENWOOD 38F (S) D Cosgrove 4-10-8 D Bridgwater
4 1-R2 NEW STATESMAN 24 (BF,G) C Barwell 8-10-5 S Curran (5)
5 10-F CRAZY HORSE DANCER 24 (F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-1 J Lodder
6 P0-1 CHEAP METAL 14 (B,F,G,S) R Ingram 9-10-0 B Johnson

7-4 Spring To Glory, 5-2 New Statesman, 5-1 Betty Kenwood, 6-1 Cheap Metal, 8-1 Star Quest, 12-1 Crazy Horse Dancer.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 8 winners from 25 runners, 32.0%; M Pipe, 38 from 127, 29.9%; C Barwell, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Webber, 10 from 61, 16.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 12 from 82, 14.6%

JOCKEYS: Peter Hobbs, 16 winners from 67 rides, 23.9%; N Mann, 10 from 46, 21.7%; A Maguire, 23 from 125, 18.4%; S Curran, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R Dunwoody, 32 from 205, 15.6%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Fairy Fay	4.00 Lucky Parkes
2.30 DONE WELL (nap)	4.30 Anyar Reem
3.00 In Behind	5.00 Dansu
3.30 Pickles	5.30 Helios

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 PETULA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 DONE WELL (nap). 4.00 Averti.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 BRITVIC SOFT DRINKS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,720: 6f) (10 runners)

101 (9) 06 ROWLANDSONS SILVER 15 (Rowlandsons Ltd) D Murray Smith 9-2 J Tate (3) –
102 (8) 141012 THICK AS THIEVES 1 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Hague) Ronald Thompson 9-2 C Rutter 94
103 (5) 00 HAYDOWN 31 (The Country Partnership) M Jarvis 8-11 P Robinson –
104 (10) 56 PREZZEMOLA 43 (Mrs C Spence) D Morley 8-8 S Whitworth 64
105 (1) 05 L'EGLISE BELLE 21 (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 8-6 N Carlisle 76
106 (3) B SILENTWORDS 44 (R Rowe) R Rowe 8-6 J Quinn –
107 (2) BACKWARD POINT (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 8-4 W Woods –
108 (4) 521121 FAIRY FAY 18 (D,G) (J O Abell) J Berry 8-3 J Carroll 99
109 (6) 440046 LADY GOVERNOR 17 (S) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-1 C Avery 90
110 (7) 00 CRANBROOK KATE 13 (T Parrett) M Haynes 7-13 T Williams –

BETTING: 2-1 Thick As Thieves, 5-2 Fairy Fay, 6-1 Lady Governor, Rowlandsons Silver, 7-1 L'Eglise Belle, 8-1 Prezzemola, 10-1 Silentwords, 12-1 others.

1993: SISTER SUSAN 8-6 W Ryan (4-1) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROWLANDSONS SILVER 14l 6th of 10 to Art Of War in maiden at Salisbury (6f, good). THICK AS THIEVES beat Benten 3½l in 10-runner claimer at Beverley (5f, good to firm) and 1l second to That Man Again at Brighton yesterday. PREZZEMOLA 15¾l 6th of 12 to Puma Cambona in maiden auction at Yarmouth (6f, good) with HAYDOWN (2lb better off) 6¾l 9th. L'EGLISE BELLE about 2l 5th of 14 to Sumoquinn in seller at Bath (5f, good to firm). FAIRY FAY beat Tee Tee Too ¾l in 12-runner claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). LADY GOVERNOR about 8¾l 6th of 11 to Bowden Rose in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: THICK AS THIEVES

2.30 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,479: 7f 140yd) (6 runners)

201 (5) 5212 DONE WELL 16 (D,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-2 W R Swinburn 99
202 (1) 221646 POLY AMANSHAA 5 (CD,G) (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 9-0 T Quinn 92
203 (6) 24213 WINNERS CHOICE 26 (V,BF,D,G) (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 9-0 L Piggott 94
204 (3) 44001 CAPTAIN'S DAY 15 (D,F) (W Norton) T Mills 8-10 J Reid 95
205 (2) 33 KEY PITCH 15 (The Dozen) Lord Huntingdon 8-10 L Dettori 90
206 (4) 0 MO'S STAR 15 (Mrs A Upsdell) G Dow 8-5 W Ryan –

BETTING: 4-5 Done Well, 4-1 Poly Amanshaa, Winners Choice, 5-1 Key Pitch, 12-1 Captain's Day, 33-1 Mo's Star

1993: SAWLAJAN 8-10 W Carson (15-8) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DONE WELL ¾l 2nd of 6 to Pennekamp in Deauville listed race (7f, good). POLY AMANSHAA best recent effort about 4¾l 6th of 7 to Above The Cut in Newbury conditions race (7f, good to firm). WINNERS CHOICE about 2½l 3rd of 11 to Menas Gold in Goodwood handicap (7f, firm). CAPTAIN'S DAY beat Lees Please 3½l in 12-runner Salisbury claimer (7f, good to firm). KEY PITCH about 4l 3rd of 13 to Unanimous Vote in Salisbury maiden (7f, good to firm). MO'S STAR 17l 8th of 10 to Art Of War in Salisbury maiden (6f, good).
Selection: DONE WELL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Walker	5	14	35.7	L Dettori	66	244	27
H Cecil	10	39	25.6	W R Swinburn	12	64	18.8
M Johnston	33	148	22.3	M Hills	50	275	18.2
L Cottrell	9	41	22.0	T Quinn	88	510	17.3
J Gosden	17	81	21.0	D Holland	30	188	16.0
J Berry	25	124	20.2	W Ryan	31	210	14.8

3.00 WOODPECKER CIDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,881: 2m) (16 runners)

301 (13) 500 PATSCILLA 15 (M Morrison) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7 W Woods –
302 (7) 512323 CHRIS'S LAD 40 (F) (K Gomm) B Meehan 9-7 B Doyle 97
303 (1) 624412 SHELTERED COVE 8 (F) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-6 L Dettori 98
304 (15) 611154 IN BEHIND 8 (CD,F,G) (J Horgan) G L Moore 9-4 B Rouse 99
305 (11) 4-01212 ROSE OF GLENN 12 (BF,F,G) (K Rideout) B Palling 9-3 Stephen Davies (3) 95
306 (2) 351003 EASY D'OR 22 (F) (Baron F Oppenheim) M Bell 8-1 M Fenton (3) 93
307 (10) 031 BOBBY BLUE 14 (D,F) (Haggswood Partnerships) Ronald Thompson 9-0 C Rutter 97
308 (8) 0-02040 HARLESTONE FIRS 61 (V) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 8-13 J Quinn 97
309 (9) 0-10252 ST KITTS 14 (F) (T Lightbowne) W Turner 8-12 T Sprake 96
310 (5) 00-0601 ADMIRAL ROUS 12 (F) (C Wood) J Pearce 8-11 G Bardwell 98
311 (16) 0-000 SOPHIE MAY 12 (J Daniels) M Dixon 8-11 A Clark 90
312 (12) 000035 GLOW FORUM 31 (The Forum Ltd) G L Moore 8-0 R Perham 97
313 (14) 000463 DAKOTA GIRL 9 (J Leigh) G Balding 8-9 J Williams 95
314 (4) 00-060 BOLD FLAME 22 (P Routledge) J Pearce 8-8 D Holland 93
315 (6) 0-06626 ESOTERIC 8 (G Gregory) P Mitchell 8-0 D Wright (5) 94
316 (3) 00-0050 DRIMARD 22 (E Jameson) K McAuliffe 8-3 J Tate (3) 97

BETTING: 5-1 Sheltered Cove, 6-1 Easy O'Dr, 8-1 Admiral Rous, Bobby Blue, Dakota Girl, 10-1 Rose Of Glenn, In Behind, 12-1 others.

1993: SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 8-12 T Quinn (100-30) S Dow 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHELTERED COVE short-head 2nd to Keen Bid in Folkestone apprentices' handicap (2m 93yd, good to firm) with DAKOTA GIRL 5l 3rd, IN BEHIND 1½l 4th and ESOTERIC (1lb better off) 3l 6th. IN BEHIND beat Referential 9l in course and distance handicap (good to firm), with CHRIS'S LAD (8lb better off) ¾l 3rd. EASY D'OR 1¼l 3rd to Nonna's Lady in Nottingham handicap (2m, good to firm) with DRIMARD (9lb better off) 2¾l 8th. BOBBY BLUE beat ST KITTS (1lb better off) in Beverley seller (2m, good to firm). ADMIRAL ROUS beat ROSE OF GLENN (1lb better off) ½l in seller in Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm)
Selection: IN BEHIND

3.30 HEINEKEN LAGER HANDICAP (£3,743: 1m 3f 106yd) (16 runners)

401 (9) 3-00440 WARM SPELL 71 (G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-10-0 B Rouse 89
402 (10) 50501S BLUE BLAZER 26 (BF,G,S) (McHalaper Syndicate) B Hanbury 4-9-10 J Reid 95
403 (4) 010151 PICKLES 8 (D,F,G) (D Gallagher) A Bailey 6-9-9 L Piggott 99
404 (3) 625-151 SANTANA LADY 10 (C,D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-7 (5ex) Stephen Davies (3) 96
405 (15) 530341 PISTOL 13 (G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-9-3 Paul Eddery 90
406 (11) 01-1260 BLANCHLAND 22 (C,BF,G) (Mrs P W Harris) P Harris 5-9-3 R Cochrane 92
407 (1) 00-3450 CALL THE GUV'NOR 8 (F) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 5-8-13 T Quinn 89
408 (14) 503152 BEAUTETE 35 (F) (D Chuston) S Dow 3-8-10 W Ryan 88
409 (8) 00000-4 WYNONA 31 (G) (Miss M Bravery) G Bravery 4-8-8 L Dettori 90
410 (2) 555402 PRESTON GUILD 12 (C,G,S) (Lady Matthews) R Williams 4-8-6 D Harrison 92
411 (13) 31121D OUR EDDIE 28 (V,C,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 5-8-5 J Quinn 94
412 (5) 353150- LORD GLENVARA 271J (G) (Paul Gibbons) R O'Sullivan 6-8-3 R Hughes –
413 (7) 200001 BEE BEAT 1T (D,F) (D Travers-Clark) A Chamberlain 6-8-2 Martin Dwyer (7) 93
414 (16) 422102 LEGAL TRAIN 13 (F) (G Tams) A Hide 3-8-1 M Baird 93
415 (6) 012011 ROCK LEGEND 1T (D,F) (Mrs T Hannan) J Sheehan 6-8-0 A Whelan (7) 92
416 (12) 200025 IKHTIRAA 12 (C,G,S) (J Morton) P Mitchell 4-8-0 D Wright (5) 94

BETTING: 6-1 Santana Lady, Pickles, 7-1 Pistol, 8-1 Rock Legend, Preston Guild, 12-1 Blue Blazer, Our Eddie, 14-1 others.

1993: SUMMER PAGEANT 3-9-7 W Ryan (11-4) J Fanshawe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

WARM SPELL best recent effort when about 3½l 4th of 10 to Spin Doctor in Goodwood handicap (1m 4f, good to soft). BLUE BLAZER beat Penny A Day neck in handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. PICKLES beat Bronze Runner 5l in apprentices' handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good). SANTANA LADY beat Addicted To Love 5l in handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 35yd, good to firm). PRESTON GUILD ½l 2nd of 14 to Proton in handicap over course and distance (good). OUR EDDIE beat Dutosky 3l in rated stakes race here (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. BEE BEAT beat By Arrangement 6l in 8-runner seller at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm). ROCK LEGEND completed double, beat Brandonhurst head in 9-runner amateurs' handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm).
Selection: PICKLES (nap)

4.00 WHITBREAD CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,516: 5f) (10 runners)

501 (3) 010-216 SABRE RATTLER 30 (D,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 4-10-0 J Carroll 88
502 (2) 161222 LUCKY PARKES 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Heler) J Berry 4-9-9 G Hind 90
503 (5) 112-141 MYASHA 61 (CD,F,G) (P D'Eer) A Vanderkerghen (Bel) 5-9-2 M Servranckx 73
504 (6) 002531 SHEILA'S SECRET 16 (D,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 4-9-1 J Reid 92
505 (1) 0-44631 AVERTI 0 (S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-11 W Ryan 00
506 (10) 8-1 BRYAN ROBSON 80 (D,F) (Highflyers) G Balding 3-8-11 J Williams 80
507 (9) 002030 PETULA 26 (D,F,G) (M Khan) M Bell 3-8-10 M Hills 99
508 (8) 202523 CRYSTAL MAGIC 15 (D,F) (Bloomsbury Stud) R Hannon 3-8-0 L Dettori 93
509 (4) 0ORO-00 ROYAL DEED 26 (D,G) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 4-8-8 C Avery –
510 (7) 4 SERALE 12 (BF) (J Morrison) J Toller 5-8-6 Paul Eddery –

BETTING: 5-2 Averti, 3-1 Petula, 7-2 Sabre Rattler, 4-1 Sheila's Secret, 9-2 Lucky Parkes, 8-1 Crystal Magic, 20-1 Myasha, 25-1 others.

1993: ARTISTIC REEF 4-9-0 W Carson (11-4) G Eden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SABRE RATTLER 2¾l 6th of 15 to Lochsong in group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). LUCKY PARKES 1½l 2nd of 6 to Ya Malak in conditions race at Chester (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MYASHA beat Avril Etoile ½l in 6-runner handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). SHEILA'S SECRET beat LUCKY PARKES ¾l in 6-runner conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good) with CRYSTAL MAGIC (6lb better off) 2¾l 3rd. AVERTI beat Mutakddim short-head in 6-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, soft). BRYAN ROBSON beat Moscow Road short-head in 7-runner claimer at Sandown (5f, good to firm). PETULA neck and head 3rd of 11 to Welsh Mist in listed race at York (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SABRE RATTLER

4.30 BODDINGTONS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,606: 1m 6f) (9 runners)

601 (2) 233-50 SHAMSHADAL 11T (R Williams) J Jenkins 4-9-9 S Whitworth 75
602 (3) D KIOMI 18 (I Goldsmith) R Akehurst 4-9-4 T Quinn 85
603 (5) 0532 ANYAR REEM 70 (V,BF) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-11 L Dettori 96
604 (7) 0202 EXTRA TIME 12 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6 D Harrison 93
605 (8) 0-06 FOREMMA 10 (P Hedger) P Hedger 3-8-6 S Dawson –
606 (1) 0 SATIN STARLET 5 (J McGann) C Wildman 3-8-6 N Adams –
607 (9) 20202 SHAMWARI 12 (Mrs W Tulloch) J Hills 3-8-6 M Hills 87
608 (4) 00 SWAN FLYER 63 (Mrs C Dowling) J Sheehan 3-8-6 C Hodgson (3) –
609 (6) 52-553 TRIPLE TIE 20 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-6 J Reid 99

BETTING: 9-4 Triple Tie, 11-4 Anyar Reem, 9-2 Shamwari, 5-1 Kiomi, 8-1 Extra Time, 10-1 Shamshadal, 12-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KIOMI 11l 7th of 13 to Golden Ball in maiden in Newmarket (1m 4f, good). ANYAR REEM neck 2nd of D to Salam in maiden in Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm).
EXTRA TIME 3l 2nd of 7 to Total Joy in rated maiden at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). FOREMMA 11¾l 6th of 13 to McGillycuddy Reeks in seller at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). SATIN STARLET 25l 12th of 14 to Cashew in maiden in Sandown (1m, good). SHAMWARI 1l 2nd of 4 to Brumon in rated maiden here (2m, good). TRIPLE TIE 1¾l 3rd of 7 to Sunderland Echo in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good). Previously, 7½l 5th of 14 to Muntafi in maiden in Thirsk (1m 4f, firm), with SHAMSHADAL (2lb better off) 5½l 8th.
Selection: TRIPLE TIE

5.00 BRITVIC SOFT DRINKS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,720: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (5) 410 ASTRAL INVADER 22 (C,F) (R Kelly) M Saunders 9-1 N Adams 87
2 (1) 4000 DANISH CONNECTION 14 (B) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 76
3 (4) 510030 DANSU 8 (B,G) (Lady Matthews) R Williams 8-11 R Cochrane 99
4 (9) TRIBAL PEACE (B Gubby Ltd) B Meehan 9-11 A Clark –
5 (2) 600 ROBO MAGIC 36 (Abdulla Al Khalifa) B Lewis 8-9 Paul Eddery 76
6 (3) 0 NORTHERN CROSSING 22 (B) (Miss J Price) R Juckes 8-5 G Hind –
7 (6) 0 FAIR ELLA 13 (Mrs O Hunnisett) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-2 B Doyle –
8 (10) 0 VESTURE 13 (S Meacock) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-2 D Harrison –
9 (7) 601246 GO LIKECRAZY 22 (D,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-1 D Wright (5) 92
10 (8) 05 TRIBAL JUSTICE 21 (J Threadwell) G L Moore 7-13 J Quinn 82

BETTING: 7-2 Dansu, 9-2 Astral Invader, 5-1 Go LikeCrazy, 6-1 Danish Connection, 7-1 Tribal Justice, 9-1 Fair Ella, 12-1 Vesture, Robo Magic, 16-1 others.

1993: SISTER SUSAN 8-6 W Ryan (4-1) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASTRAL INVADER beat Maraesa 1¾l in 9-runner seller here (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DANISH CONNECTION 9½l 7th of 13 to Elfin Laughter in nursery at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm).
DANSU best recent effort about 3½l 3rd of 12 to Captain's Day in claimer in Salisbury (7f, good to firm). FAIR ELLA 1¾l 9th of 13 to Muchtarak in maiden at Folkestone (5f, good). GO LIKECRAZY 6¾l 6th of 11 to Double Glow in claimer at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). TRIBAL JUSTICE 6¾l 5th of 7 to The Scythian in seller at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm).
Selection: ASTRAL INVADER

5.30 TAUNTON CIDER HANDICAP
(£4,263: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (1) 032215 HELIOS 8 (CD,F) (Mrs C Parrang) N Walker 6-9-11 R Cochrane 95
2 (13) 245325 DANCING LAWYER 28 (F,G) (Vintage Services Ltd) B Meehan 3-9-11 B Doyle 93
3 (4) 005-505 MULLITOVER 10 (D,S) (Mrs D Mutley) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-8 Stephen Davies (3) 88
4 (15) 233054 MR NEVERMIND 7 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-4 B Rouse 95
5 (8) 00-112 MISS RITZ 1 (BF,D,G,S) (Mrs O Schreiber) M Johnston 4-8-3 (7ex) G Carter 98
6 (10) 363060 DOWSONG 28 (W Curtin) R Akehurst 3-9-1 T Quinn D1
7 (12) 306800 ANOTHER JADE T (G,S) (L Fust) A Jarvis 4-9-0 L Dettori 95
8 (5) 600456 CAPE PIGEON 7 (CD,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 9-8-13 M Fenton (3) 90
9 (9) 000661 MOROCCO 16 (D,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 5-8-12 Paul Eddery 99
10 (3) 000236 COURT MINSTREL 30 (D,BF,F) (G Knight) L Holt 5-8-11 J Reid 93
11 (11) 000-002 DOUBLE SHIFT 9 (K Mercer) B Millman 5-8-8 D Holland 88
12 (2) 0-00 CHANSON D'AVRIL 15 (Snowdrop Stud Co Ltd) C Cyzer 3-8-3 W Woods –
13 (16) 200208 BERNSTEIN BETTE 3 (D,F,G,S) (J Ford) P Felgate 8-7-10 A Mackay 95
14 (14) 0-32025 RAGAZZO 23 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-10 G Bardwell 98
15 (7) 55-0000 BRECKLAND 28 (Danebury Racing Stables Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-7 J Quinn 87
16 (6) 100005 ZINBAQ 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 8-7-7 D Wright (5) 84

Long handicap: Zinbaq 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Miss Ritz, 5-1 Dancing Lawyer, 6-1 Court Minstrel, 7-1 Mr Nevermind, 8-1 Dowsong, 10-1 Double Shift, Morocco, 12-1 Bernstein Bette, Zinbaq, 14-1 Cape Pigeon, 16-1 Another Jade, Ragazzo, Breckland, Mullitover, 20-1 others

1993: HADEER'S DANCE 3-8-13 R Price (7-1) R Armstrong 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

HELIOS beat Second Chance over course and distance (7f, good to firm) in 12-runner rated stakes race with MULLITOVER (3lb better off) about 4¾l 5th. DANCING LAWYER 4¾l 5th of 18 to Allez Cyrano in handicap at Goodwood (7f, firm) with DOWSONG (1lb better off) 1¾l 7th. MR NEVERMIND about 2 lengths 4th of 13 to Desert Time in handicap at Salisbury (7f, firm) with CAPE PIGEON (1lb worse off) 1¾l 6th. MISS RITZ ½l second to Mustn't Grumble at Redcar yesterday, beat Soviet Fashion 4l in 8-runner handicap at Yarmouth (7f, soft). MOROCCO beat Ballyhays short-head in 12-runner seller at Bath (1m, good to firm). COURT MINSTREL best recent effort 1l 3rd of 14 to Mahool in handicap at Kempton (1m, good). DOUBLE SHIFT head 2nd of 8 to Anselady in rated maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm).
Selection: MISS RITZ

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

1.50 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, Top Prize (J Lowe, 11-2); 2, Gold Surprise (15-2), 3, Don't Cry (10-1), 4, Diamond Inthe Dark (10-1). Ann Hill 9-2 fav 16 ran ½l, 2l. M Brittain. Tote: £10.30; £1.30, £2.10, £2.60, £3.70. DF: £39.60. Trio £138.50. CSF: £50.66. Tricast: £396.28

2.20 (1m) 1, Oozlem (S Lanigan, 13-2), 2, Carlton Express (9-4 fav), 3, Bedazzle (20-1). 11 ran. NR: Super Seve. 1¼l, 1½l. R Flower. Tote: £7.90; £2.60, £1.10, £5.50. DF £10.80. Trio £150.10. CSF: £20.28. Tricast £255.59.

2.50 (7f) 1, Mustn't Grumble (K Darley, 12-1), 2, Miss Ritz (11-10 fav), 3, Parfait Amour (25-1). 11 ran. NR: Legend Dulac, Sarugila. ½l, hd. B Beasley. Tote £8.10; £2.20, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £7.70. Trio: £71.90. CSF: £25.74. Tricast: £333.37

3.20 (7f) 1, Mamlakah (R Hills, 1-2 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, Neverending (9-2); 3, Zahaalie (7-2). 3 ran. 3l, 11l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.65.

3.50 (1m 5f 135yd) 1, Elflaa (R Hills, 12-1), 2, Lightning Quest (5-1), 3, New Inn (5-1). Mr Towser 9-2 fav. 10 ran. Hd, 2l. D Morley. Tote: £14.30; £2.70, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £25.80. Trio £109.00. CSF: £65.05. Tricast: £310.72.

4.20 (5f) 1, French Grit (Dale Gibson, 11-4 fav, Richard Evans's nap), 2, Total Stranger (11-2); 3, Breakfast Creek (7-1). 10 ran. 2½l, ¾l. M Dods. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £15.50. CSF: £17.18

4.50 (1m 2f) 1, Pennine Pink (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav), 2, Trans Siberia (9-1); 3, Tres Cher (8-1). 7 ran. 1¼l, nk. M Prescott. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £4.30. DF: £16.20. CSF: £18.73

Placepot: £56.40. Quadpot: £46.90.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Keep Your Distance
(3.40 Edinburgh)
Next best: Done Well
(2.30 Lingfield Park)

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, That Man Again (S Whitworth, 2-1 fav); 2, Thick As Thieves (4-1), 3, Nordesta (7-1). 8 ran. 1l, 1¼l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £12.50. CSF: £10.31. Tricast: £42.50

2.30 (7f 214yd) 1, Quantity Surveyor (T Quinn, 3-1); 2, Blockade (7-4 fav); 3, Diaco (5-1). 10 ran. 3l, 3l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £8.46

3.00 (6f 209yd) 1, Secundus (B Doyle, 11-2); 2, Ziggy's Dancer (6-4 fav); 3, Miss Springtime (3-1). 5 ran. 4l, ¾l. B Meehan. Tote: £5.40; £2.70, £1.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £13.28

3.30 (5f 209yd) 1, Never So Rite (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, Lady Tumbleweed (5-1); 3, Flatford Princess (12-1). Mo's Main Man 9-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Code of Silence, Saxon Heir. ½l, 1¾l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £10.20. CSF: £24.17.

4.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Exhibit Air (T Quinn, 13-8 fav), 2, Princess Muzna (10-1), 3, Rocquaine Bay (7-1). 11 ran. NR: Never Silent. 1l, 1¾l. R Akehurst. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £14.80. Trio £28.70. CSF: £16.35. Tricast: £92.47

4.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Wild Strawberry (Mr T Cuff, 16-1); 2, *Brandonhurst (7-2 fav)*; 3, Back To Form (66-1). 13 ran. 3l, 1½l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £14.70; £3.70, £1.90, £25.80. DF: £46.70. Trio: not won. CSF: £72.90. Tricast: £3,379.56

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,132.88 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £55.80. Quadpot: £76.60.

Exeter

Going: firm (hard in places)

2.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Greenback (Peter Hobbs, 2-5 fav), 2, Radiant Dancer (12-1), 3, Fabulous Princess (7-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 4l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £4.00. DF: £6.60. CSF: £5.84

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Commanchero (R Dunwoody, 100-30 jt-fav), 2, Qualitair Memory (100-30 jt-fav), 3, Dominion Treasure (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Baybeejay. 10l, 5l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £3.70. Trio: £27.10. CSF: £14.42. Tricast: £143.36.

3.10 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Land Of The Free (J Osborne, 4-6 fav), 2, Corpus (18-1), 3, Kingolspancahil (5-1). 4 ran. 30l, dist. R Baker. Tote: £1.60. DF: £5.50. CSF: £7.23.

3.40 (1m 5f) 1, Sophism (Jeff King, 5-6 fav), 2, Tiger Claw (14-1), 3, Gushy (25-1). 10 ran. 1l, nk. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.90, £3.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £14.62

4.10 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Raba Riba (D Bridgwater, 2-1 fav), 2, Doonloughan (7-1), 3, Ocean Link (3-1). 6 ran. 1l, 8l. J Spearing. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £9.80. CSF: £14.68

4.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Corrin Hill (R Dunwoody, 11-4), 2, Its Unbelievable (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Faux Pavillon (5-2 jt-fav). 5 ran. NR: Just Rosie. 1l, 9l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £9.45

5.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Road To Au Bon (M Perrett, 2-1), 2, Singers Image (5-4 fav), 3, Fawley Flyer (9-1). 6 ran. Hd, 15l. R Baker. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.75

Placepot: £3.00.
Quadpot: £5.30.

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Ghana official rejects racism claims

DAVID MILLER

At the Commonwealth Games

Threats of an African withdrawal from the Commonwealth Games boxing tournament, amid accusations of racist judging, were roundly dismissed yesterday by Eddy Blay, chairman of the Ghana Amateur Boxing Association. "The problem is not racism," Blay, a 1964 Olympic light-welterweight bronze medal-winner, said with frustration. "It's incompetence."

The controversy began on Monday, when Mbwana Matumla, of Tanzania, lost 11-8 on the points computer recording the blow-by-blow assessment of five judges to Paul Shepherd, of Scotland. The judges were Welsh, Australian, Indian, Malaysian, and Nigerian — three to two non-white — and a formal protest was rejected by an arbitration panel chaired by Frank Hendry . . . of Scotland.

On Tuesday night, after a meeting of African boxing officials with Professor Anwar Chowdhry, of Pakistan, president of the international federation, there was another controversial decision. Ishmael Aryee, a Ghanaian middleweight, having dominated Joe Townsley, of Scotland, for the first two rounds, was defeated on the computer points by 12-9. Aryee sat in the middle of the ring, while the crowd booed the decision, and refused to leave until dragged away.

Blay, a Commonwealth gold medal-winner in 1962 and 1966, who was in Aryee's corner, is adamant that the fault lies in the judges' lack of familiarity with the computer system. He strongly intervened during the meeting with Chowdry on suggestions of a withdrawal led by Frank Okonta, the chairman of the Nigerian federation.

"We are not talking about discrimination," Blay said, "but about a new system which can make the sport clean and free of malice and I asked them [African colleagues] what they really wanted. My whole love, my whole life, is working in sport, but we have some judges who are inexperienced, who are using sport as an opportunity for travel.

"I was sorry about Ishmael's behaviour. We don't need to protest that way. It makes us no better than the judges, though *I* personally do not believe the fight swung so much in the last round to turn it in Townsley's favour."

Townsley, a battling middleweight from Lanarkshire, *who has never been floored or* stopped in 78 fights but visibly shows the wear and tear, caught Aryee with a huge right hand early in the third round and the two men then stood slugging it out in the centre of the ring, neither defending, and Townsley, landing blows more often.

Earlier in the evening, Tijani Moro, a Ghanaian light-welterweight, had won on a technical knockout against James Pender, of Scotland, but Blay says he does not accept for a moment the African allegation that for their boxers to win, they must do so by a knockout.

"The complaint is by the eastern Africans, in the main, and to a degree, I don't blame them," Blay said, "but I don't believe there's manipulation. I've been studying the computer system results for more than a year and I don't see how *anyone can manipulate it. But* I don't think it is operated consistently. In our meeting with Chowdhry, it was clear that he is trying to get things right, that he wants to help. We of the boxing fraternity most of all want a clean sport."

Blay's proposal is that the international federation should make available video replays in the event of serious doubt on the decision of a fight, for reconsideration as is now possible in cricket and football. He does not believe that Okonta, of Nigeria, was serious about withdrawal. "Fortunately for us, he is a good sportsman, and so is Isaac Ikonria, their chief coach, who was an Olympic bronze medal-winner in *1972* and has been in the sport a long time."

The home crowd howled their protest again when Danny Williams, England's super-*heavyweight from Brixton*, got the decision over Shane Hinton, of Canada, by a 19-9 points decision after Hinton had carried the fight towards his man in the last round. Yet Williams, 21, who is being pursued by professional agents as potentially a successor to Frank Bruno, kept his head and a fine technical performance saw him out-box a more flamboyant opponent to reach the *semi-final* and a certain bronze medal.

Harris and Foster add to England's title haul

From Craig Lord in Victoria

THEY served him birthday cake at the poolside, but Don Talbot, the Australian swimming coach, feasted only on a diet of his own words as England's men silenced the Thunder from Down Under at the Saanich pool.

Talbot, now 61, had suggested Australia might win every title. Not once did *Australia Fair* ring out for her men on the penultimate day of swimming, but the hopes that went with Martin Harris and Mark Foster, of England, turned to glory, both collecting their first Commonwealth titles.

Their team-mates added a silver and two bronze medals to take the squad to within one *gold medal of the best* Commonwealth Games result for England, achieved in Brisbane in 1982.

Foster, 24, of Doug Campbell's Barnet Copthall squad, lined up for his first big long-course 50 metres freestyle since his disqualification for false-starting at the European championships last summer. A recall for a false start by Darren Lange, of Australia, forced *him* to be cautious, depriving him of the big start that so often allows him to win from the front.

It mattered little. Foster trailed Lange for 20 metres, *but, for once,* the *6ft 7in* Englishman, who is the world short-course champion, did not fade and edged ahead in the closing five metres to take the title in 23.12sec, just 0.01sec up on the Australian.

Peter Williams, in 23.16sec, won the first aquatics medal, a bronze, for South Africa. Williams had once held the world-best time, although it was not recognised as a record during the era of apartheid.

If history was made there, it was repeated by Harris, 25, of Bow, from Paul Bance's Waltham Forest club. It is 32 years since an Englishman, Graham Sykes, won the 100 metres backstroke and you have to go back a further 32 years to find a compatriot, John Trippett, of Sheffield, at the inaugural Games in Hamilton in 1930. Harris will ride around the East End in an open-top bus, courtesy of Bow Council, on his return after winning in 55.77sec, 0.04sec outside his British record.

Harris led up the first 50 metres, closely followed by Steven Dewick, of Australia, who set a Games record of 55.89sec in the heats, but a perfectly-timed turn by Harris and a poor one by Dewick left the Englishman about a second clear at the start of the return lap. Dewick recovered, but not enough, finishing second, with Adam Ruckwood, of Birmingham, adding a bronze to the gold medal he won in the 200 metres.

"We've really put British backstroke on the map." Harris, who will attempt to break his national record in the medley relay, said. The relay needs to excel if swimmers such as James Salter and James Hickman, two bright young prospects, are to compete at the world long-course championships in Rome in two weeks' time.

Hickman, who begins a geology degree at Manchester University in the autumn, showed the fruits of his labour with his coach, Dave Calleja, at Stockport, by clinching the bronze medal in the 200 *metres butterfly in a best time* of 2min 0.87sec, just outside the qualifying standard for Rome.

Sarah Hardcastle, of Bracknell, finished a disappointing fifth in the 800 metres freestyle, but her team-mates collected a silver medal in the medlay relay to round off England's most successful day in the pool and take the medal haul to six gold, three silver and seven bronze.

Iain Sproat, the minister for sport, was due at the pool yesterday and will be reminded by British officials that Australia, for all its unfulfilled boasting, has won 18 of the 27 titles so far and plans to spend A$3.4 million (about £1,660,000) on swimming each year until the Olympic Games of Sydney in 2000.

Lewis has golden day out of office

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

MIKE BLAKE

Lewis threw a personal best in the javelin en route to the heptathlon gold medal

IT WAS the kind of afternoon that might have been arranged through *Jim'll Fix It*: Denise Lewis, a young secretary from Wolverhampton, shares a gold medal day in the life of Linford Christie and Colin Jackson.

There were three British champions on the second day of the Commonwealth Games athletics here on Tuesday. Two of them, Christie and Jackson, know the routine of medal ceremony, press conference and drug test as well as any competitor, but Lewis, England's unexpected heptathlon champion, had to pick it up as she went along.

An athlete may be trained to a championship peak, as Lewis was, but then be unprepared for what follows. No lessons are given in British athletics on how to cope with sudden fame. Lewis obligingly signed autographs, gave interviews and allowed herself to be led about by local amateur officials, but was a little girl lost by comparison *with the professionals.*

It is probable that she will disappear from the public gaze as quickly as she came, her one day as the equal of Christie and Jackson giving her a memory for life. She has no intention of trying to make a living from her sport, though she accepts that, only by going full-time, does she stand a chance of world championship or Olympic success. But there would be no point in attempting to make the heptathlon her new career. The event has no status in Britain.

"We have our national trials *and that is it,*" *Lewis said.* "There are no international heptathlons in Britain." For competition this season, she had to go to Spain and France. Alex Kruger, Britain's No 1 decathlete said: "Everything shut down in the multi-events (heptathlon and decathlon) when Daley Thompson retired. No media interest and no money for development or coaching."

Lewis will be working for Birmingham City Council while Christie and Jackson earn a company director's annual salary at a single grand prix meeting in Berlin on Tuesday. "To be a successful multi-eventer, you need to be full-time, but I want a life outside athletics," she said.

To win Lewis, had to defeat Jane Flemming, the defending champion and a full-time athlete in Australia. Destructible she may have been on the track, but off it she is not.

Flemming is the covergirl on a controversial pin-up calendar featuring scantily-clad Australian women athletes. She wears nothing except gold paint and, though Lewis's spirited run in the 800 metres, the last event, sent a silver brushstroke across her golden girl image, she will remain in great demand as a television personality. So popular is she that her calendar has outsold one featuring Elle McPherson, the Australian supermodel turned film star.

The mark of a good competitor is the ability to produce personal bests in championships and Lewis, 21, managed three. *She added almost* a metre to her best distance in the shot, with 13.22 metres, more than six metres to her best javelin throw, with 53.68 metres, and, needing to finish within five seconds of Flemming in the 800 metres, did so by taking a second off her fastest time, with 2min 17.60sec.

While some heptathletes keep score in their head, Lewis does not. "I leave it to my coach," she said. "My job is to compete, his is to tell me how I'm getting on." Darryl Bunn, her trainer, said she would need to run "close to her personal best" in the 800 metres to win. "He said I would have to hang on to Jane Flemming's tail." She did so for 600 metres, but then the Australian pulled away. It could hardly have been closer. Lewis scored 6,325 points and Flemming 6,317. And England had a new heroine to celebrate, if only for a day.

Injured Ivanisevic may miss US Open

GORAN Ivanisevic, the second seed for the US Open, which starts on Monday, may be unable to play in the championship after retiring with a *damaged ankle from the* Hamlet Cup tournament in New York state yesterday (Stuart Jones writes). The Open seedings are dictated by the ATP computer rankings and Ivanisevic climbed above Michael Stich and Stefan Edberg when he reached the final at Wimbledon in July, where he lost to Pete Sampras.

Sampras, the winner of four of the *last five* grand slam championships, is the top seed next week. Steffi Graf, who has also claimed four of the last five grand slam titles, leads the women's field. She is scheduled to compete in a tournament in Brighton from October 13 to 18.

US OPEN SEEDS: Men: 1, P Sampras; 2, G Ivanisevic; 3, S Bruguera; 4, M Stich; 5, B Edberg; 6, M Chang; 7, B Becker; 8, A Medvedev; 9, T Martin; 10, A Berasategui; 11, J Courier; 12, W Ferreira; 13, *T Muster*; 14, *Y Kafelnikov*; 15, M Rosset; 16, P Korda. Women: 1, B Graf; 2, A Sánchez Vicario; 3, C Martinez; 4, M Pierce; 5, K Date; 6, L Davenport; 7, J Novotna; 8, G Sabatini; 9, M J Fernandez; 10, Z Garrison-Jackson; 11, A Coetzer; 12, S Hack; 13, L McNeil; 14, A Huber; 15, M Maleeva; 16, A Frazier.

Induráin steers away

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the No 1 seed at the inaugural world championship "open" 42km time-trial in Catania, Sicily, today, starts 56th and last man off in an entry that lacks one important ingredient, Miguel Induráin (Peter Bryan writes). Induráin has cut short his road season, missing the road race championship next Sunday, to prepare for an attempt on Graeme *Obree's world one-hour* record during the coming week. Immediately ahead of Boardman is Evgeny Berzin, from Russia, the winner of this year's Giro d'Italia. Obree appears certain to join another French team, Groupement, on a two-year contract. His business manager, Frank Quinn, said: "The team wants to make a Boardman out of him."

Romario made to pay

FOOTBALL: Romario, right, the Brazil World Cup player, was fined £52,000 yesterday by the Spanish champions, Barcelona. Romario took a month's unauthorised holiday in Brazil after his country's World Cup victory. "If Romario had not arrived with a good disposition, I would have expelled him from the club on the spot," Johan Cruyff, the Barcelona coach, said.

McIntosh dismissed

RUGBY UNION: South Africa completed their management overhaul yesterday when Ian McIntosh, the coach for *the past 18 months, and his assistant,* Gysie Pienaar, were dismissed. McIntosh is replaced by Kitch Christie, the Transvaal coach for the past two seasons. Christie, 54, will be convenor of the selection panel, alongside Dougie Dyers and the previous convenor, Hannes Marais; and is expected to seek as his assistant Ray Mordt, his assistant at Transvaal.

Higgins takes lead

GOLF: Liam Higgins moved into the lead in the second round of the Joe Powell Memorial Senior Classic at Collingtree Park, Northampton yesterday. The long-hitting Irishman shot a second round of 70 to give him a four-under-par total of 140 and a one-shot advantage over Neil Coles. The overnight leader, Peter Butler, who set a course record of 66 yesterday, slumped to one over with 13 holes played. Higgins, playing in gusty winds, birdied three holes and bogeyed only one, while Coles, third overnight, took four bogies and four *birdies to leave him one under after a level par round* of 72.

Record haul by Wasim

CRICKET: Wasim Akram, right, the Pakistan fast bowler, became the highest wicket-taker in one-day internationals as Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by *27* runs in Colombo, yesterday, to clinch their five-match series 4-1. Wasim took three wickets to lift his total in 174 matches to 254, three more than the previous record-holder, Kapil Dev, the India all-rounder. Wasim has also taken 230 Test wickets.

Ferguson going ahead

FOOTBALL: Duncan Ferguson, of Glasgow Rangers, is expected at the Scottish Football Association (SFA) next Thursday to appeal against his 12-match suspension, imposed for an alleged butt in a game against Raith Rovers on April 16, even though a court appearance in connection with the same incident has been postponed until October 25. "We have received no intimation from Rangers that Ferguson will not be attending," an SFA spokesman said yesterday.

Fine finish by Wales

RUGBY UNION: Wales beat Australia for the first time at under-18 level yesterday when they rounded off their seven-match tour with a 19-12 victory on the Ballymore *ground* in Brisbane, where Wales were crushed 63-6 in a full international in 1991. Phil Booth, a prop forward, scored the only Welsh try and Darren Morris, the stand-off half, kicked 14 points. Wales lost only one of their provincial games, to Australian Capital Territories.

RESULTS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

ATHLETICS

Men: 100m: Semi-finals: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, L Christie (Eng) 9.98; 2, O Adeniken (Nigeria) 10.05; 3, *H* Dove-Edwin (S Leone) 10.10; 4, A Nketia (NZ) 10.19. Heat 2: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 10.01; 2, M Green (Jam) 10.04; 3, A Boldon (Trin) 10.09; 4, G Gilbert (Can) 10.14. Final: 1, Christie, 9.91 (Games record); 2, Dove-Edwin, 10.02; 3, Green 10.05; 4, Fredericks, 10.06; 5, Boldon 10.07; 6, Gilbert 10.11; 7, Adeniken 10.11; 8, Nketia, 10.42.

400m: Semi-finals: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, P Delice (Trin) 45.88; 2, P Greene (Aus) 45.72; 3, C Gitonga (Ken) 45.80; 4, N De Silva (Trin) 45.96. Heat 2: 1, D Ladejo (Eng) 45.20; 2, S Bada (Nigeria) 45.32; 3, B Pniri (SA) 45.45; 4, E Coombs (St Vincent) 45.54. Non-qualifiers: D McKenzie (Eng) 46.18; I Thomas (Wales) 45.98. Final: 1, Gitonga 45.00; 2, Ladejo 45.11; 3, Bada 45.45; 4, Greene 45.50; 5, Delice 45.89; 6, Coombs 45.98; 7, De Silva 46.27; 8, Pniri 46.35.

800m: Quarter-finals (first three plus four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals): Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, P Konchellah (Ken) 1min 47.98sec; 2, J Kotze (SA) 1:48.54; 3, M Nootebos (Can) 1:48.62. Heat 2: 1, W Serem (Ken) 1:46.12; 2, C Winrow (Eng) 1:47.06; 3, H Sepeng (SA) 1:47.28; 4, W Best (Can) 1:47.48; 5, D Wilson (N Ire) 1:47.57. Heat 3: 1, B Henigan (Aus) 1:47.23; 2, J Achon (Uga) 1:47.32; 3, T McKean (Scot) 1:47.48; 4, N *Mdziniso (Swazi) 1:47.49; 5, A Lill (Eng)* 1:48.34. Heat 4: 1, K Osei (Gha) 1:47.81; 2, S Ngidhi (Zim) 1:48.06; 2, M Steele (Eng) 1:48.35. Non-qualifier: G Brown (Scot) 1:49.61.

3,000m steeplechase: Final: 1, J Kipkoech (Ken) 8min 14.72; 2, G Chirchir (Ken) 8:15.25; 3, G Fell (Can) 8:23.28; 4, C Walker (Eng) 8:27.78; 5, T Buckner (Eng) 8:29.84; 6, J Bourgeois (Can) 8:31.19; 7, J Chaston (Wales) 8:32.20; 8, P Chemase (Ken) 8:35.31; 9, G Siamusiye (Zam) 8:41.83; 10, S Duval (Eng) 8:49.08; 11, B Creighton (Aus) 8:54.27; 12, Z Crook (Can) 8:57.24; 13, T Armstrong (Berm) 9:06.99.

110m hurdles: Final: 1, C Jackson (Wales) 13.08sec; 2, T Jarrett (Eng) 13.22; 3, P Gray (Wales) 13.54; 4, A Tulloch (Eng) 13.69; 5, K vander-Kuyp (Aus) 13.75; 6, R Foster (Jam) 13.78; 7, K Campbell (Scot) 13.86; 8, T Kroeker (Can) 13.93.

Decathlon: 100m: Heat 1: 1, P Winter (Aus) 10.79sec, 908pts; 2, D Pirini (NZ) 10.81, 903; 3, J Quarry (Scot) 10.86, 892; 4, D Smith (Aus) 10.87, 890; 5, S Shirley (Eng) 10.89, 885; 6, M Smith (Can) 11.00, 861; 7, G Turner (Can) 11.11, 836; 8, S Poelman (NZ) 11.15, 827. Heat 2: 1, V Houston (Bar) 10.76, 915; 2, R Joseph (Eng) 11.06, 847; 3, B Tennant (Aus) 11.08, 843; 4, G Andreou (Cyp) 11.11, 836; 5, A Kruger (Eng) 11.28, 799; 6, R Hesketh (Can) 11.32, 791; 7, S Vi (Tonga) 11.33, 789; 8, J Wade (Belize) 11.55, 742. Long jump: Group 1: 1, Winter 7.65m, 972; 2, D Smith 7.49, 932; 3, Pirini 7.48, 930; 4, Kruger 7.18, 857; 5, Shirley 7.11, 840; 6, Wade 6.91, 792; 7, Hesketh 6.89, 788; 6, Quarry, 6.89, 788. Group 2: 1, Houston 7.52, 940; 2, Andreou 7.19, 859; 3, Tennant 7.04, 823; 4, M Smith 6.94, 799; 5, Joseph 6.80, 767; 6, Turner 6.77, 760; 7, Vi 5.94, 574. Poelman no jump. Shot: Group 1: 1, D Smith 14.84, 780; 2, Shirley 14.18, 738; 3, Kruger 14.07, 733; 4, Winter 13.68, 709; 5, Quarry 13.44, 694; 6, Hesketh 13.35, 689; 7, Pirini 13.04, 670; 8, Wade 10.30, 504. Group 2: 1, M Smith 15.22, 865; 2, Tennant 13.77, 714; 3, Andreou 13.11, 674; 4, Joseph 13.04, 670; 5, Turner 12.70, 649; 6, Vi 12.13, 614; 7, Houston 11.67, 586. Poelman did not start. High jump: Group 1: 1, Andreou 2.04m, 840; equal 2, D Smith 1.95, 758, and Joseph 1.95, 758; 4, Tennant 1.92, 731; 5, Pirini 1.92, 731; 6, Turner 1.86, 670; 7, Vi 1.74, 577. Group 2: 1, Kruger 2.10, 896; 2, Houston 2.07, 868; 3, Shirley 2.04, 840; 4, M Smith 1.98, 785; 5, Winter 1.95, 758; 6, Quarry 1.95, 758; 7, Wade 1.92, 731; 8, Hesketh 1.89, 705; Poelman did not start. 400m: Heat 1: 1, Houston 49.01sec, 861; 2, Quarry 49.76, 826; 3, Joseph 50.50, 792; 4, Turner 51.20, 760; 5, Vi 51.33, 754; 6, Andreou 52.56, 700; Poelman and Wade did not start. Heat 2: 1, Winter 47.95, 912; 2, Pirini 47.99, 910; 3, M Smith 48.85, 868; 4, Shirley 48.90, 866; 5, Tennant 50.06, 812; 6, Kruger 50.14, 808; 7, M Smith 51.20, 760; 8, Hesketh 758. First-day standings: 1, Winter, 4,259; 2, M Smith 4,178; 3, Houston 4,170; 4, Shirley 4,169; 5, Pirini 4,144; 6, D Smith 4,120; 7, Kruger 4,093; 8, Quarry 3,958; 9, Tennant 3,923; 10, Andreou 3,909; 11, Joseph 3,834; 12, Hesketh 3,731; 13, Turner 3,684; 14, Vi 3,308; 15, Wade 2,769.

Women: 100m: semi-finals: Heat 1: 1, M Tombiri (Nigeria) 11.25; 2, M Gainsford (Aus) 11.28; 3, S Douglas (Eng) 11.34; 4, D Duhaney (Jam) 11.35. Heat 2: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria) 11.03; 2, P Thomas (Eng) 11.15; 3, C Opara-Thompson (Nigeria) 11.19; 4, H Joseph (Dom) 11.29. Final: 1, Onyali 11.06; 2, Opara-Thompson 11.22; 3, Thomas 11.23; 4, Gainsford 11.31; 5, Duhaney 11.34; 6, Joseph 11.36; 7, Tombiri 11.38; 8, S Douglas 11.48.

3,000m: Final: 1, A Chalmers (Can) 8min 32.17sec; 2, R Meagher (Can) 8:45.59; 3, A Wyeth (Eng) 8:47.98; 4, S McGeorge (Eng) 8:54.91; 5, S Power (Aus) 8:58.23; 6, J Cheruiyot (Ken) 9:00.89; 7, L Pells (Can) 9:03.66; 8, L Adam (Scot) 9:06.63; 9, G Griffiths (SA) 9:15.47; 10, E Sagero (Ken) 9:18.15; 11, J Okemwa (Ken) 9:26.24; 12, M Chan (HK) 9:37.10; 13, E Mongudhi (Nam) 9:38.95; 14, H Hawa (Tanz) 9:42.80; 15, R Turare (PNG) 10:16.11; 16, M Moshao (Les) 10:29.50.

400m: Final: 1, C Freeman (Aus) 50.38; 2, F Yusuf (Nigeria) 50.53; 3, S Richards (Jam) 50.59; 4, P Smith (Eng) 51.46; 5, R Poetschka (Aus) 51.51; 6, M Neef (Scot) 52.09; 7, D Alolabi (Nigeria) 52.21; 8, K Hanigan (Aus) 52.55.

High jump: Qualifying round: Group A: 1 equal, A Inverarity (Aus), D Marti (Eng), L Estwick (Can) 1.85; 4 D Duplessis (SA) 1.85; 5 equal, C Wolf (Can), T Phillips (NZ) 1.85; 7, N Alleyne (Trin) 1.80; 8, A de Klerk (Namibia) 1.65. Group B: 1 equal, T Dixon (NZ), J Bennett (Eng) 1.85; 3, A Hughes (Aus) 1.85; 4, S McGladdery (Can) 1.85; 5, L Haggett (Eng) 1.85; 6, C Weevers (SA) 1.85; 7, H Melvin (Scot) 1.80; 8, T Venter (Namibia) 1.70. Qualifiers for final: Weavers, Bennett, Duplessis, Inverarity, Dixon, Estwick, McGladdery, Hughes, Marti, Phillips, Wolf, Haggett.

Discus: Final: 1, D Costian (Aus) 63.72m; 2, B Faumuina (NZ) 57.12; 3, M Elizabeth (SA) 55.74; 4, S Andrews (Eng) 55.34; 5, J McKernan (N Ire) 54.88; 6, L Vizaniari (Aus) 53.88; 7, D Callaway (Eng) 53.16; 8, T Brick (Can) 52.12; 9, A Lever (Aus) 51.86; 10, L Shaw (Eng) 50.50; No throw: A Tea (Brunei), A Gray (Scot).

Heptathlon: Long jump: 1, J Henry (NZ) 6.46, 994pts; 2, D Lewis (Eng) 6.44, 988; 3, M Fletcher (Guy) 6.31, 946; 4, J Flemming (Aus) 6.29, 940; 5, C Bond-Mills (Can) 6.22, 918; 6, J Kelly (Eng) 6.00, 8.50; 7, E Lindsay (Scot) 5.70, 7.59; 8, C Ochola (Ken) 5.56, 7.15; 9, K Vanderhoek (Can) 5.05, 567. Matheson no throw. Gibbs and Court did not start. Javelin: 1, Lewis 53.68m, 932; 2, Vanderhoek 45.94, 782; 3, Ochola 41.50, 696; 4, Henry 40.08, 669; 5, Flemming 39.76, 663; 6, Kelly 38.90, 646; 7, Bond-Mills 37.62, 622; 8, Matheson 35.48, 581; 9, Lindsay 34.74, 567; 10, Fletcher 34.22, 557. 800m: Heat 1: 1, Henry 2min 11.72, 940sec; 2, Flemming 2:13.07, 920; 3, Bond-Mills 2:14.04, 906; 4, Lewis 2:17.60, 856; 5, Fletcher 2:27.63, 723. Heat 2: 1, Ochola 2:10.47, 958; 2, Lindsay 2:18.03, 850; 3, Kelly 2:21.96, 797; 4, Matheson 2:23.85, 772; 6, Vanderhoek 2:32.81, 648. Final standings: 1, Lewis 6,325; 2, Flemming 6,317; 3, C Bond-Mills 6,193; 4, Henry 6,121; 5, Kelly 5,658; 6, Fletcher 5,611; 7, Vanderhoek 5,467; 8, Ochola 5,407; 9, Lindsay 5,353; 10, Matheson 4,539. Gibbs and Court did not finish.

BOWLS

Round robin: Men: Singles: Pool A: England 25 Papua New Guinea 11; Namibia 25 Botswana 7; New Zealand 25 Australia 21; Northern Ireland 25 Cook Islands 13; Zimbabwe 25 Brunei 19. Standings: 1, Zimbabwe 4 pts; 2, England 3; 3, Northern Ireland 3. Pool B: Zambia 25 Singapore 18; Jersey 25 Wales 21; Hong Kong 25 Kenya 20; Scotland 25 Guernsey 23; South Africa 25 Western Samoa 7. Standings: 1, Scotland 5 pts; 2, Hong Kong 5; 3, South Africa 4. Pairs: Pool A: Standings: 1, Australia 9 pts; 2, South Africa 6; 3, Scotland 6; 4, England 5; 5, New Zealand 5; 6, Hong Kong 3. Pool B: Standings: 1, Northern Ireland 6; 2, Wales 6; 3, Western Samoa 6. Fours: Pool A: Norfolk Island 24 Namibia 17; South Africa 29 Botswana 11; Scotland 32 Cook Islands 24; Jersey 26 Hong Kong 10; Northern Ireland 23 Zambia 15. Standings: 1, South Africa 10; 2, Northern Ireland 10; 3, Scotland 8. Pool B: Standings: 1, New Zealand 10 pts; 2, Australia 10; 3, England 9; 4, Wales 8.

BOXING

QUARTER-FINALS: Featherweight (57kg): J Swan (Aus) bt H Lewis (Guy) 19-16; C Paton (Can) bt A Patterson (N Ire) rsc 2nd rnd; A Kaaa (Namibia) bt M Hassan (Tanz) 33-13; J Cook bt A Daniel (Nigeria) 10-6. Light-welter (63.5kg): M Winters (N Ire) bt B Carr (SA) 19-6; T Shaller (NZ) bt F Kivalu (Tonga) 12-3; P Richardson (Eng) bt O *Futarse (Zam) 10-6; T Moro (Gha)* bt J Pender (Scot) rsc 1st rnd. Light-middle (71kg): J Webb (N Ire) bt S Connell (Aus) 14-5; R Cadeau (Seychelles) bt K Ikeke (Nigeria) 10-1; B Gasa (W Samoa) bt K Sinnette (Trin) 10-4; J Townsley (Scot) bt I Aryee (Gha) 12-9. Light-heavy (81kg): O Brown (Can) bt G Ibedro (Nigeria) 16-6; O Opiyo (Kenya) bt J Duncan (Guy) rsc 2nd rnd; F Mabletsa (Botswana) bt S Kirk (N Ire) 15-6; J Wilson *(Scot)* bt K Oliver (Eng) 16-10. Heavy (91kg): O Ahmed (Ken) bt P Douglas (N Ire) 20-18; C Kizza (Uga) bt S Asipeli (Tonga) 19-11; P Wilks (Jam) bt E Ndlovu (Zim) rsc 2nd rnd; S Gallinger (Can) bt F Ahuneye (Nigeria) 6-5. Super-heavy (over 91kg): M Anyim (Kenya) bt T Poole (Guy) rsc 1st rnd; P Wolfgramm (Tonga) bt J Samiel (Solomon I) rsc 2nd rnd; D Williams (Eng) bt S Hinton (Can) 19-9; D Dokiwari (Nigeria) bt K McCormack (Wal) ko.

SHOOTING

Men: Individual air rifle: Final: 1, C Hector (Eng) 685.9pts; 2, J-F Senecal (Can) 683.0; 3, N Wallace (Eng) 680.0; 4, O Rainey (Scot) 678.2; 5, T Palangappa (India) 678.5; 6, W Sorensen (Can) 674.2; 7, R Law (Scot) 673.3.

SWIMMING

50m freestyle: Qualifiers for final: Heat 3: 1, S Michaelides (Cyp) 23.58sec. Heat 4: 1, G Lange (Aus) 23.27; 2, R Smith (Aus) 23.40; 3, R Brakins (Can). Heat 5: 1, M Foster (Eng) 22.95; 2, P Williams (SA) 23.25; 3, D Sheehan (Aus) 23.55; 4, B Clarke (Can) 23.58. Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, S Rowe-Hagans (Guer) 25.20; 2, J Tomlin (Guer) 25.89; 3, M Cooil (IoM) 26.18. Heat 2: 3, J Hunter (Scot) 25.35. Heat 3: 2, M Roberts (Eng) 23.62; 6, G Walker (N Ire) 25.19. Heat 4: 7, M Jones (Wales) 24.52. Heat 5: 5, N Shackell (Eng) 23.76; 7, E Stewart (Scot) 24.47. Final: 1, Foster 23.12; 2, Lange 23.13; P Williams 23.16; 4, Smith 23.26; 5, Brakins 23.49; 6, Clarke 23.63; 7, Sheehan 23.63; 8, Michaelides 23.69.

100m backstroke: Qualifiers for final: Heat 1: 1, A Ruckwood (Eng) 56.59. Heat 2: 1, S Dewick (Aus) 55.89 (Games record); 2, C Ford (NZ) 58.09; 3, R Brakins (Can) 57.13; 4, J Winter (NZ) 57.29. Heat 3: 1, M Harris (Eng) 56.63; 2, R Brown (Can) 57.23; 3, C Renaud (Can) 57.49. Non-qualifiers: M O'Connor (Eng) 57.81, A Allan (Scot) 59.03, R Ghael (N Ire) 1:01.19, C Jones (Wales) 59.77, J Hunter (Scot) 58.07. Final: 1, Harris 55.77; 2, Dewick 58.09; 3, Ruckwood 58.52; 4, Brakins 56.86; 5, Renaud 57.01; 6, Brown 57.38; 7, Winter 57.40; 8, Ford 57.42.

200m butterfly: Qualifiers for final: Heat 1: 1, W Kirby (Aus) 2:00.47; 2, D Loader (NZ) 2:01.10; 3, K Crosby (Eng) 2:03.08. Heat 2: 1, J Hickman (Eng) 2:01.33; 2, S Miller (Aus) 2:01.78; 3, *D Verbrugge* (Can) 2:03.00; 4, M Watkins (Wales) 2:03.22; 5, E Parenti (Can) 2:03.59. Final: 1, Loader 1:59.54; 2, Miller 1:59.70; 3, Hickman 2:00.87; 4, Kirby 2:01.00; 5, Parenti 2:01.25; 6, Verbrugge 2:02.94; 7, Crosby 2:04.09; 8, Watkins 2:04.19.

1500m freestyle: Qualifiers for final: Heat 1: 1, K Perkins (Aus) 15min 12.90sec; 2, I Wilson (Eng) 15:23.27; 3, B Creed (Can) 15:57.88. Heat 2: 1, G Housman (Aus) 15:18.42; 2, D Kowalski (Aus) 15:18.56; 3, G Smith (Scot) 15:20.18; 4, F Neethling (SA) 15:54.87; 0, S Baird (Can) 16:02.55.

Women: 200m individual medley: Qualifiers for final: Heat 1: 1, N Sweetnam (Can) 2min 18.38sec; 2, A Wilson (NZ) 2:18.93. Heat 2: 1, M Limpert (Can) 2:18.47; 2, A Windsor (Aus) 2:19.24. Heat 3: 1, E Overton (Aus) 2:17.37; 2, J Maier (Can) 2:18.53; 3, J McKenzie (Aus) 2:19.91. Non-qualifiers: S Rolph (Eng) 2:19.70, H Slatter (Eng) 2:21.46, C Niblett (Wal) 2:25.82. Final: 1, Overton 2:15.59; 2, Limpert 2:15.97; 3, Sweetnam 2:16.57; 4, Maier 2:17.51; 5, Wilson 2:18.93; 6, Windsor 2:19.14; 7, McKenzie 2:20.90; 8, Rolph 2:22.27.

800m freestyle: Final: 1, S Gartrell (Aus) *8min 30.18sec; 2, H Lewis (Aus) 8:30.72;* 3, N Dryden (Can) 8:37.70; 4, P Langrell (NZ) 8:40.35; 5, B Hardcastle (Eng) 8:41.62; 6, J Maier (Aus) 8:45.41; 7, S Richardson (Can) 8:57.79; 8, K Allers (SA) 9:06.18.

4 x 100m medley relay: Final: 1, Australia 4min 7.89sec (N Stevenson, S Riley, P Thomas, K van Wirdum); 2 England 4:12.63 (K Osher, M Hardiman, A Bennett, K Pickering), 3 Canada 4:14.04; 4 South Africa 4:16.29.

GAMES DETAILS

Medals table

	G	S	B	T
Australia	38	26	20	84
Canada	24	20	24	68
England	15	20	22	57
New Zealand	4	9	5	18
India	4	7	6	17
Nauru	3	0	0	3
Nigeria	2	5	1	8
Scotland	2	2	5	9
Kenya	2	1	0	3
Wales	1	3	1	5
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	2
Cyprus	1	0	1	2
Northern Ireland	1	0	1	2
Malaysia	0	2	0	2
Sierra Leone	0	1	0	1
South Africa	0	0	4	4
Hong Kong	0	0	3	3
Jamaica	0	0	2	2
Pakistan	0	0	2	2
Guernsey	0	0	1	1
Zimbabwe	0	0	1	1

Today's events

All times BST

ATHLETICS: 17.05: decathlon 110m hurdles. 18.00: *decathlon discus. 19.00: men's* 200m heats. 19.45: men's discus qualifying. 20.00: decathlon pole vault. 20.35: women's 400m hurdles heats. 21.15: men's 400m hurdles heats. 21.35: women's 800m heats; women's shot final. 21.55: men's 800m heats. 22.35: women's 200m heats. 22.55: decathlon javelin. 23.05: men's 200m heats. 00.05: men's long jump qualifying; women's 10,000m final. 01.05: decathlon 1,500m. 01.35: Men's 5,000m final.

OTHER SPORTS: 18.30: bowls. 17.00: badminton, shooting, swimming. 19.00: cycling. 19.30: cycling, shooting. 21.00: boxing, cycling. 21.30: bowls. 21.35: diving. 22.00: shooting, weightlifting. 23.30: shooting. 00.05: diving. 01.00: badminton, cycling, weightlifting. 01.25: cycling. 02.00: boxing. 02.25: cycling. 02.30: bowls, swimming. 02.50: cycling.

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MAHOITRE

(b) Shoulder pads, a padding placed in the upper part of the sleeve of a garment for the purpose of increasing the apparent breadth of the shoulders, an adaptation of the Old French *mahustre, mahoitre.*

PADKOS

(a) *Food for the journey,* provisions, packed lunch, from the Afrikaans *pad* road + *kos* (Dutch *kost*) food: "One thing the South African Railways have always had to contend with is South Africa's habit of taking along a padkos for the journey."

SCREEF

(c) In Scottish and Forestry dialect, a layer of vegetation on the surface of the ground, a variant of *scurf* and *scruff*: "Without a bit of screef aboon,/ But bare and naked craigs o' stane."

DAH

(c) A short heavy sword, used also as a knife, especially in Burma, also attributively, from the Burmese word. "Their chief tool, and one used for all manner of purposes, from the felling of a tree to the paring of a cucumber, is the dah. The handle is that of a cleaver, and the blade like a drawing-knife."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qxh7+! Kxh7 2 hxg7+ Bh5 (2 ... Kg8 3 Rh8 mate) 3 g8Q+! Rxg8 4 Rxh5 mate.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (14545)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63751038)

9.05 Commonwealth Games Grandstand (s) (7201274)

10.35 The Flintstones. Cartoon (5853941)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2983583) **11.05 Charlie's Angels.** Vintage detective series (r) (s) (5169545) **11.55 Red and Blue Cartoon** (r) (6258816)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7945564) **12.05 Big Day Out.** Bob Langley, Victoria Studd and Mo Dutta visit Telford (s) (2421090) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (25926090)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (25090)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (41888477) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly introduces the grand final of the European quiz (s) (41882293)

2.15 FILM: Go Naked in the World (1961) starring Gina Lollobrigida and Anthony Franciosa. A wealthy young man unwittingly falls in love with a prostitute, a fact that his father knows all too well. Directed by Ranald MacDougall (520380)

3.55 Popeye Double Bill (r) (1347125) **4.10 The Bots Master** (s) (9299106) **4.35 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** New series of the magic show with Paul Zenon and Sally Gray. (Ceefax) (s) (7399835)

5.00 Newsround (3647670) **5.10 Record Breakers** with Roy Castle, Cheryl Baker and Kriss Akabusi (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9417800)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (669019)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (748)

6.30 Regional news magazines (800) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9516)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (212)

8.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. A round-up of the events so far in the competition, plus the latest news and results from Victoria (s) (6816)

8.30 **QED: *The Maggot Mogul.*** (Ceefax) (s) (8651)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6651)

Spoof aliens French and Saunders (9.30pm)

9.30 French and Saunders. Includes music from Dawn Dana, Mary Jennifer Hopkin and Raw Sex; and a discussion on sanitary protection (r). (Ceefax) (s) (59318)

10.00 BBC Proms 94: The First Hundred Years. The European Community Youth Orchestra under Carlo Maria Giulini perform Brahms's Fourth Symphony (s) (6903)

11.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Including coverage of the men's 10m diving final where Robert Morgan from Wales is the defending champion. Plus action from tonight's semi-finals in the boxing ring (s) (159980)

11.40 Cricket: One-day International. England v South Africa in the Texaco Trophy from Edgbaston (s) (435670)

1.30am Weather (4658807). Ends at **1.35**

BBC2

6.20 Open University

7.30 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Includes the men's 5,000m and women's 10,000m finals (s) (73983293)

9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2615380) **9.25 Why Don't You..?** (r) (s) (4010670) **9.50 EEK** with Andi Peters (s) (8683729) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3218699)

10.25 Cricket: One Day International. South Africa's historic tour of England ends with two 55-overs-per-side one-day international matches for the Texaco Trophy. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the first match from Edgbaston (s) (48863922)

1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (s) (90572545)

1.35 Cricket: One-day International. Further coverage from Edgbaston through to the end of the match. Includes at **2.00** and **3.00** News (Ceefax) and weather, and at **3.50** News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (22677926)

7.30 **The Business: From Food to Fashion Accessory.** (Ceefax) (s) (854)

8.00 The Realms of the Russian Bear: The Red Deserts. Nikolai Drozdov explores the natural history of the former USSR (r). (Ceefax) (s) (243458)

8.50 Wild Tracks. Wilderness expert Ray Mears demonstrates how to find your way home with tree stumps, branches, lichen, the sun and a very long pole. (Ceefax) (s) (574583)

9.00 The Travel Show with Penny Junor. Paddy Haycocks takes tea with the Bostonians; Laurie Pike samples the spas of Budapest; and Gordon Kennedy looks at Britain's B and Bs. Plus a look at Britain's piers and a visit to Little and Large in Great Yarmouth (s) (4293)

Ethiopian tribeswoman Binnida (9.30pm)

9.30 The Hamar Trilogy: The Women Who Smile. An *unmarried Ethiopian girl gets an insight into the life* that awaits her in the company of a young mother and an elder co-wife. Although living a very different life to that of Europeans, they share many of the same concerns (r). (Ceefax) (s) (719748)

10.20 Building Sights. Iwona Blazwick looks at the Boots Factory in Nottingham, a vast glass palace built by Owen Williams in 1932 (r) (388309)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (551106)

11.15 **Rough Justice: The Biker's Tale.** (Ceefax) (s) (909467)

11.55 Weather (864187)

12.00 Open View. Highlights from the weekend's Open University programmes (4021959)

12.05am Patterns of Evolution (9017978). Ends at 12.35

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CHOICE

QED: The Maggot Mogul

BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland, tomorrow 8.20pm)

This bizarre documentary could really have done with some sort of scratch-and-sniff facility. As it is, we can only imagine the smells emanating from Bruce Silcock's thriving maggot farm. His Essex neighbours are certainly voluble in their criticisms and horrified by his plans to expand. But Silcock is determinedly ambitious and, from a scientific and environmental point of view, his ideas sound laudable. Whereas at the moment he is simply producing bait for fishermen, in *future he wants to use the maggots to dispose of* animal carcasses and, in the process, create a rich new organic fertiliser. His biggest problem, he says, is "maggot prejudice", but then few of us are as devoted as Silcock — he even has a giant plastic bluebottle stuck to the ear-piece of his telephone.

Are they selling ice cream or sex? (BBC 2, 7.30pm)

The Business: From Food to Fashion Accessory

BBC2, 7.30pm

Smart, sexy, sensuous... Maggots may have a way to go, but Häagen-Dazs ice-cream has long since achieved this magical status, becoming one of the marketing success stories of the late 1980s. Actress Zoë Wanamaker narrates a fascinating programme *tracing Häagen-Dazs's slow invasion of Britain, from* the "whisper campaign" that saw it sold in a few prestige outlets, to the sexy advertisements that lifted the product's image from a children's treat to an adult luxury. Now, however, another quality dairy ice-cream has crossed the Atlantic. The company Ben and Jerry's has adopted a more personal approach with the friendly founders courting publicity and stressing their environmentally caring principles.

Rough Justice: The Biker's Tale

BBC2, 11.15pm

This is the intriguing follow-up to a previous *Rough Justice* programme, *Code of Silence*. *Rough Justice* was instrumental in proving the innocence of a biker, *John Megson, who was locked up for the murder of 19-*year-old Stephen Rowley in 1989. Now, following Megson's release, the programme tells the full story of what happened on the night of the killing and how Megson's loyalty to his biking club prevented him from defending himself in court. With its secretly filmed interviews with bikers, including the man who probably murdered Rowley, the programme makes dramatic viewing, but it also has a surprising, feel-good ending as Megson reveals his love for the woman who helped to free him.

Wild Britain: Round the Mulberry Bush

Channel 4, 8.30pm

Anyone who has tried to remove brambles may not *feel too kindly disposed towards them, but their* prickly impenetrability makes them a perfect habitat for creatures such as rabbits, bank voles, hedgehogs and field mice. This film, first shown on Anglia, shows how the bramble transforms its branches into roots when they touch the ground, creating sheltering arches for its inhabitants. Clever camerawork follows the bramble (or mulberry bush as it is known in East Anglia) all through the year. Although humans only show an interest when the blackberries are out, animals and birds find brambles a source of food and protection in every season. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (1273767) **9.25 C.O.P.S** (4014496)

9.50 The New Adventures of He-Man (5913274) **10.00 News** (Teletext) (9658632) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9657903)

10.30 FILM: Decoration Day (1990) starring James Garner and Bill Cobbs. A retired judge, inconsolable after the death of his wife, gets a new lease of life when his godson brings him a case involving a long-lost friend. Directed by Robert Markowitz (56247699) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7941748)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3987496)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (3962187) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (16398019) **1.55 TV Weekly** (s) (72305274) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (73025854) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (9678496)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (1326496) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1325767)

3.30 Wizadora (r) (1339106) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2005309) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (1402748) **4.20 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (s) (9280458) **4.45 Cartoon** (3580903) **4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All** (Teletext)(3966106)

5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton (Teletext) (3500767)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (288293) **5.55 Your Shout** (635293)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (816)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (496)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (5564)

7.30 Survival: The Hole Story An examination into the social structure of the ground hornbill. Although capable of flying, it prefers to walk around its African habitat, probing the undergrowth for food (380)

8.00 The Bill: On the Latch. Information from a pawnbroker throws some light on the death of an old soldier in a burglary. (Teletext) (4212)

Philip Jackson, Stephen Tompkinson (8.30pm)

8.30 Downwardly Mobile. Comedy about two couples living under the same roof. (Teletext) (s) (4449)

9.00 When Love Kills. The second part of the mini-series starring Gary Cole. The police learn of the murder plot. (Teletext) (s) (1212)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (86564)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (108516)

10.40 When Love Kills. The conclusion. (Teletext) (s) (213309)

11.30 Big City. How to survive the Notting Hill Carnival (s) (399748)

12.05am Beyond Reality (r) (9004404)

12.35 Street Legal. Crime series (4841152)

1.30 Donahue. The guests are men offering money to anyone who can find them a wife (4445797)

2.20 The Beat with Gary Crowley (r) (s) (5036688)

3.20 The Album Show (r) (s) (9438152)

4.20 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall questions the quaffers from the Bay Horse in York and the Antelope in Surbiton (93890713)

4.50 Curtis Calls (83072107)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (62220)

5.30 ITN Morning News (45404). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Little Dracula. Cartoon (r) (4182038)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (48941)

9.00 Pugwall. Teenage comedy drama series (r) (96941) **9.30 Wish Kid** (r) (5935496)

9.55 Saved By the Bell (r). (Teletext) (5910187) **10.25 Dog City** (r) (3289187)

10.50 Raiders of the South Seas. Children's drama series, set in 1942 (5750800) **11.20 Terrytoons** (7260632) **11.45 Super Mario World** (r) (3454293)

12.00 Pushing the Limits: Sky Boogie. An attempt to build the largest parachute formation as 72 people linked together fall from a plane over Zephyrhills, Florida (r) (83477)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (49748) **1.30 Lift Off** (s) (65423)

2.00 FILM: On the Riviera (151) starring Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney and Corinne Calvet. A musical comedy, based on Maurice Chevalier's *Folies Bergère* of 1935, about a nightclub entertainer who is persuaded to pose as an unfaithful husband. Directed by Walter Lang (525835)

3.40 Mon Desir. A bored housewife takes a shine to a muscular jogger. Will she leave home or stay with her husband? Starring Kevin Smith, Mandy McMullin and Peter Tait (6604729)

4.00 Profiles of Nature. A Canadian documentary about a year in the life of the woodland moose (r) (309)

4.30 Countdown. Play the words and numbers game and win up to £1,000 in conjunction with *The Times*. (Teletext) (s) (293)

5.00 Kingdoms in Conflict A look at the problems, man-made and natural, that beset the Amboseli National Park in Kenya (r). (Teletext) (2477)

6.00 Home Improvement. Comedy series about a DIY television programme host. Starring Tim Allen (r). (Teletext) (s) (458)

6.30 Roseanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (598)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (196670)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox (336090)

8.00 Stories from an African Hospital. The fourth of a seven-part documentary filmed at Komfo Anokye hospital in Kenya (r). (Teletext) (2854)

A vole lot of fun in a mulberry bush (8.30pm)

8.30 **Wild Britain: Round the Mulberry Bush.** (Teletext) (s) (1361)

9.00 FILM: The Young Lions (1958, b/w) starring Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift and Dean Martin. Second World War drama, based on the novel by Irwin Shaw, about the fates of two American soldiers and an idealistic German officer. Directed by Edward Dmytryk. (Teletext) (55376187)

12.05am The World of Hammer. The third of a 13-part series exploring the archives of Hammer Films looks at the "other worlds" created by film-makers (9002046)

12.35 The People's Parliament (r). (Teletext) (s) (4837959)

1.35 Next Stop Hollywood: Heart of the Deal. The story of a middle-aged accountant forced to re-evaluate his life after meeting two mysterious strangers (3503626). Ends at **2.05**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** 1FM Roadshow: Nicky Campbell in Stoke-on-Trent **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Claire Sturgess **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Lorraine Kelly **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money, and news from the Commonwealth Games **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview, and at **7.15** The Commonwealth Games Report **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Film Review; **10.35** Europe News; **11.15** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, and at **12.55** The Commonwealth Games Diary **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Women on Top of the Games, with Eleanor Oldroyd **8.05** David Gower's Cricket Weekly **9.05** Sports America **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.00-5.00** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin in German **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Banking on the Poor **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Banking on the Poor **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Songs, Sonnets and Sounds of Laughter **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack. X-Press **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** The Learning World **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Game, Set and Match **1.00** News **1.15** Music Review **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Songs, Sonnets and Sounds of Laughter **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide: Budapest **8.00** Evening Concert, presented by John Julius Norwich **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Gary King **1.00pm** *Graham Dene* **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.25am Anglia News and Weather (9657903) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (1399081) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5855309) **11.00** Fraggle Rock (5015854) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5018941) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1191651) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (7941748) **1.55** The Young Doctors (41876632) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9678496) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (1325767) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3500767) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (320380) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (108516) **11.30** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (413632) **12.25am** Blood and Orchids (2594978) **1.20** Wrestling (2297997) **2.00** America's Top Ten (45688) **2.30** Escape by Night (3068510) **3.50** Jobfinder (7724797) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8363268)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.25 Central News (9657903) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (1399081) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5855309) **11.00** Fraggle Rock (5015854) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7261361) **11.50** Deepwater Haven (9266212) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7941748) **1.55** A Country Practice (41876632) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9678496) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1325767) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3500767) **6.25** Central News and Weather (999903) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (128748) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (380) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (108516) **11.30-1.30pm** Maria's Lovers (40458) **4.50am** Jobfinder (56209607) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6666775)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Kavik the Wolf Dog (56247699) **2.25** Gardening Time (73016106) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (8030038) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3500767) **5.55** Home and Away (659903) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (320380) **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas (380) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (108516) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (413632) **12.25am** Blood and Orchids (2594978) **1.20** Superstars of Wrestling (2297997) **2.00** America's Top Ten (45688) **2.00** Escape by Night (3068510) **3.50** Jobfinder (7724797) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8363268)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (320380) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (380) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (108516)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30 The Twelve Tasks of Asterix (6912583) **11.50** Doing It Up (9266212) **1.55** A Country Practice (41876632) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9678496) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3500767) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (816) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (496) **7.30-8.00** Fat Man Goes West (380) **11.30** A3 - Access All Areas (96090) **12.00am-12.35** Coach (5478152) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (62220)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Disney's The Leftovers (56247699) **1.55** A Country Practice (41876632) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3500767) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (337545) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (496) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (413632) **12.25am** Body of Evidence (425978) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6652713) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7732152) **3.05** Murder One (489423) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (1125152)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (41876632) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (8030038) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3500767) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (27309) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (413632) **12.25am** Blood and Orchids (2594978) **1.20** Superstars of Wrestling (2297997) **2.00** America's Top Ten (45688) **2.30** Escape by Night (3068510) **3.50** Jobfinder (7724797) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8363268)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Disney's The Leftovers (56247699) **1.55-3.25** A Country Practice (41876632) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3500767) **5.55** Calendar (337545) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (496) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (413632) **12.25am** Body of Evidence (425978) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6652713) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7732152) **3.05** Murder One (489423) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (1125152)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (48941) **9.00** Gymau'r Gymanwlad (96941) **9.30** Wish Kid (59336) **10.00** Saved By The Bell (28908) **10.30** Dog City (92125) **11.00** Raiders Of The South Seas (9125) **11.30** Terrytoons (1196106) **11.50** The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (5925380) **12.00pm** Pushing The Limits (83477) **12.30** Sesame Street (45748) **1.30** The Vision Thing (65423) **2.00** Stars And Stripes Forever (525835) **3.40** J'Accuse. Laurence Olivier (1403477) **4.10** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9883496) **5.00** The Cosby Show (6670) **6.30** Countdown (545) **6.00** Newyddion (621962) **6.20** Heno (310903) **7.00** Jacpot (3106) **7.30** Margaret (97309) **8.30** Newyddion (1361) **9.00** Mwy Na Phapur Newydd (730090) **9.45** The Golden Girls (381552) **10.15** Cal Ballou (541545) **12.00am** Witness: The Pope's Divisions (84442)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: American Conversations: Henry Kissinger **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Schubert (Rondo in A, D438); **7.20** *Keyboard Compendium*: Bach (Fugues, F sharp minor, BWV 883; E, BWV 878, Well-Tempered Clavier); **7.45** Falla (In the Generalife, Nights in the Garden of Spain); **8.05** Bruch (Romance, Op 85); **8.30** Pergolesi, attrib Durante (Magnificat in C); **8.45** Stravinsky (Scherzo fantastique)

9.00 Composer of the Week: *Liszt. Music that the composer* wrote for his family. Including Hymne de l'Enfant à son reveil; Variations on "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen"; Andante lagrimoso, Harmonies poétiques et religieuses; Trauerode

10.00 Musical Encounters: Including Mozart, arr Grieg (Sonata in G, after K283); **10.10** *Artist of the Week*: Anner Bylsma, cello, performs Schumann (Fünf Stücke im Volkston): Pascal Devoyon, piano); **10.30** Haydn (Symphony No 102 in B flat)

11.00 Edinburgh International Festival 1994: *Live from the* Queen's Hall, Edinburgh. Olli Mustonen, piano, Joshua Bell, violin, Steven Isserlis, cello, perform Rachmaninov (Trio elégiaque in G minor); Ravel (Piano Trio). **11.50** Edinburgh Festival Report: Robert Dawson Scott talks to the Royal Lyceum Theatre Company. **12.10** Shostakovich (Piano Trio No 2)

1.00pm Opera Matinée: Recordings of two Swedish operas from the time of Mozart. The first is a Turkish comedy, Kraus's *Soliman II, or the Three Sultanas*, performed by the Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera of Sweden under Philip Brunelle. The second is a Greek tragedy, Haeffner's *Electra*, performed by the Swedish Radio Choir and Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble under Thomas Schuback

3.50 Cambrian Brass Quintet performs Petr Eben (Chorale Variations); Robert Simpson (Quintet)

4.20 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth; Vanessa Latarche, piano. Franz Schmidt (Intermezzo; Carnival Music, Notre Dame; Concertante Variations on a Theme of Beethoven)

5.00 The Music Machine: The Sampling Sessions — Conservative Harmonies? Today, pop music studio technology is used to illustrate how Steve Reich and Philip Glass put together their harmonic ideas

5.15 In Tune, live from the *Edinburgh Festival*

7.30 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Claudio Abbado conducts the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in the first of two concerts. Mahler (Symphony No 9)

9.00 Latin Lovers: In the Other Room, written and narrated by Frederic Raphael (r)

9.20 New Keys: Rolf Hind introduces and performs new piano music from Denmark and Holland. Poul Ruders (Star Prelude; Love Fugue); Klaas de Vries (Piano Sonata)

10.15 The Trail-Blazer: George Russell (r)

10.45 The Empty Jew: The concluding part of Frederic Raphael's piece for radio

11.30-12.30am Voices: See Choice

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with George Austin

8.40 A Pride of Relations, by Richard Charles Awdry. Read by Tenniel Evans

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze

10.00-10.30 News; Uncle Dynamite (FM only), by P.G. Wodehouse. Stars Richard Briers

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Children's Radio 4 (LW only): Granny, by Anthony Horowitz. Read by James Fleet (4/5)

10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 10.45): Serial — *Where the Apple Ripens* **11.00 News**

10.45-7.30pm International Cricket (LW only): Commentary on the first one-day international between England and South Africa at Edgbaston

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM only)

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM)

12.25pm Slightly Foxed (FM only): Gill Pyrah opens a new series of the literary panel game from Trinity College, Dublin **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (FM only) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Last of the Joan Crawfords (FM only), by Elizabeth Troop. A woman brought up on the films of Joan Crawford writes her own film script. With Frances Jeater and Jill Graham

3.00 Anderson Country (FM only)

4.00 News (FM only) **4.05 Kaleidoscope** (FM only): Gill Pyrah celebrates the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Paris, and reviews Barbara Anderson's novel, *All the Nice Girls*; while Paul Allen reports from the Edinburgh Festival

4.45 Short Story (FM only): Absent Children, by John MacKenna. Read by B.J. Hogg

5.00 PM (FM only) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)

6.30 The Masterson Inheritance (FM only): Improvised historical saga, with Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton and Caroline Quentin (r)

7.00 News (FM only) **7.05 The Archers** (FM only)

7.20 Seven Dams (FM only until 7.30): In the fourth programme in his series investigating the political ideology behind the building of the world's great dams, Noah Richler travels to James Bay in northern Quebec

8.00 Dear Sir, I Cannot Read Your Signature: See Choice

8.15 Jack's Last Tape: The final years of the prolific story-writer Jack Trevor Story (r)

8.45 Eaten Alive — by Leeches! Lionel Kelleway looks at how the leech preys on man

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Disability magazine

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Owen Bennett-Jones

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Herodotus: The Histories

11.00 Terminus: Police thriller by Nick Fisher, starring Imelda Staunton and Nicholas Farrell

11.30 The Shuttleworths (r)

11.45 Neither Here Nor There: Extracts from Bill Bryson's humorous travelogue (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Voices: The Soldier. *Radio 3, 11.30pm.*

In Ian Burnside's compilation of songs about soldiering, it is the other ranks on whom the spotlight falls. Noël Coward's "I Wonder What Happened to Him" is the only song about the officer class. For the rest, there is everything from the dead funny (Tom Lehrer's "So Long Mum, I'm Off to Drop the Bomb"), the dead serious (Kurt Weill's "Berliner Requiem") and the actual dead (June Tabor's lament for the slaughtered of Gallipoli). *There is no battlefield glory about these* songs, unless you count a Soviet army lyric about the character-forming benefits of marching through mud.

Dear Sir, I Cannot Read Your Signature. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*

Producer Adrian Mourby has hit on a marvellously simple idea, relevant to everyone except those who never put pen to paper or fingers to typewriter, preferring to pick up the telephone. He has asked six eminent writers for their thoughts about the letters they, and others, write and receive. Mourby introduces the series — inescapably called *Men of Letters* — which begins on Saturday, and is presented by Garrison Keillor. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (53123293) **8.45** Cartoons (6414496) **9.30** Card Sharks (57564) **10.00** Concentration (49106) **10.30** Love at First Sight (36583) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (81670) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (27835) **12.30pm** E Street (51380) **1.00** Falcon Crest (56835) **2.00** Hart to Hart (40835) **5.00** Another World (5495380) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (2912125) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1767) **6.00** The Simpsons: Bart's Friend Falls in Love (5980) **6.30** Blockbusters (1632) **7.00** E Street (2496) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7816) **8.00** Rescue (84632) **8.00** LA Law (13516) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (63093) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (339106) **11.45** V (245922) **12.45am** Barney Miller (39423) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (36336)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (2440800) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (60816) **10.30** ABC News Nightline (34125) **11.00** News and Business (167038) **1.30pm** CBS Morning News (31816) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (95767) **3.30** ABC Nightline (9038) **4.00** News and Business Report (72309) **6.00** Live at Five (549583) **7.30** The Reporters (82690) **9.30** Talkback (24583) **11.30** CBS News (37651) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (62881) **1.30** The Reporters (32997) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (88713) **3.30** Talkback (50930) **4.30** CBS News (60268) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (91846)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5542552)

10.00 A Distant Trumpet (1964): Western starring Troy Donahue (62496)

12.00 Savage Islands (1983): Swashbuckler with Tommy Lee Jones (54038)

2.00pm The Accidental Golfer (1991). Swedish golfing comedy (98835)

4.00 Bon Voyage Charlie Brown (1980): The cartoon gang go on a Gallic adventure (35800496)

5.45 Over the Hill (1991). An American widow receives a hostile reception from Australian relatives. Stars Olympia Dukakis (92750748)

7.30 E! News Week in Review (5212)

8.00 Sneakers (1992): Comedy about computer hackers helping the CIA (34251019)

10.05 Gross Misconduct (1993): Professor Jimmy Smits's brief affair with a student ends in an accusation of rape (109583)

11.45 City of Joy (1992): A doctor finds meaning among the destitute of Calcutta. With Patrick Swayze (65928293)

2.20am Bustin' Loose (1981): Comedy with Richard Pryor as a former convict driving deprived children across America (5651125)

3.50 Lethal Lolita (1992): Fact-based story of a teenager who shot the wife of her much older lover (99965591). Ends at **5.20**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Kes (1970) Ken Loach's drama about a young boy and his pet kestrel in a tough Yorkshire community (63187)

8.00 Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971). Boisterous comedy western with James Garner (66632)

10.00 Alice's Restaurant (1969). Arlo Guthrie's record inspired this blend of satire and whimsy about a group of hippy friends. With Pat Quinn (34187). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Can-Can (1960): Cole Porter's Parisian musical starring Shirley MacLaine, Frank Sinatra (62863361)

8.15 Young Survivors: As 6pm (52049903)

10.00 The Purple People Eater (1988): A children's film based on Sheb Wooley's 1950s hit record. Stars Ned Beatty (60038)

12.00 Easy to Love (1953): Aquatic musical starring Esther Williams (45380)

2.00pm Captains Courageous (1937): Rudyard Kipling's tale with Spencer Tracy in Oscar-winning form (96477)

4.00 Twister (1989): Cult offbeat drama about a dysfunctional family searching for their mother. With Harry Dean Stanton (7941)

6.00 Young Survivors (1992): Three stranded children swap scary stories while awaiting rescue (63011)

8.00 Kuffs (1992). Christian Slater inherits a police protection agency in the action comedy. With Milla Jovovich (68458)

10.00 Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (1992). Brian Dennehy plays the successor to union boss Jimmy Hoffa (857583)

11.50 Tales of Erotica (1991): A series of passionate dramas (93392)

1.25am High Heels (1991): Pedro Almodóvar's camp melodrama (255572)

3.20 Contract for Murder (1993). Cybill Shepherd and Ken Olin in a fact-based murder mystery (68697268). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (6372941) **7.15** WWF Challenge (895816) **8.15** Soccer News (5547835) **9.30** Motorcycling (63106) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (73699) **10.00** Nascar (53835) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (10632) **12.30pm** Major League Baseball (70670) **2.30** Get Your Handicap Down (1681) **3.00** Motorcycling (99090) **4.00** Fishing the West (2903) **4.30** ATP Tennis. The Campionata Internazionali Di San Marina, the RCA Men's Hardcourt Championships, and the Volvo International (8187) **5.00** WWF All-American (3835) **8.00** Soccer News (707019) **6.15** Classics (795274) **6.30** World of Rugby Union (3632) **7.00** Australian Rugby League: Winfield Cup (17019) **9.00** US PGA Golf, live: NEC World Series (21187) **11.00** Soccer News (447274) **11.15** Motorsport (434315) **12.15-2.15am** Australian Rugby (399152)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (46318) **8.00** Cycling, live: World Road Championships from Catania (8133090) **12.00** Football: Copa Libertadores (91106) **2.00pm** Athletics. IDAG Galen Games (842813) **8.00** Surfing (9496) **5.30** Superbike (58748) **6.30** Eurosport News (5800) **7.00** Motors (37748) **6.00** Rally Raid: Australian Safari Rally (46496) **6.00** Football: European Cups (31926) **10.30** Football: Copa Libertadores (68534) **12.30-1.00am** News (19539)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7127458) **7.30** Neighbours (7139293) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7899458) **8.30** EastEnders (7898729) **6.00** The Bill (7812309) **9.30** Wings (6056361) **10.30** Bergerac (56054670) **11.30** The Sullivans (57854019) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7892545) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6638293) **1.00** EastEnders (7126729) **1.30** The Bill (6697564) **2.00** Robin's Nest (7208632) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (3427583) **3.00** Knots Landing (3880038) **4.00** Dynasty (3869545) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4396361) **5.40** The Goodies (6123583) **5.55** Sykes (1315477) **6.30** EastEnders (3419564) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (1952632) **6.00** Three Up, Two Down (7228496) **8.30** Robin's Nest (7207903) **9.00** Minder (1958816) **10.00** The Bill (7893274) **10.30** Rory Bremner (3808854) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2404090) **12.10am** Dr Who (2538404) **12.40** FILM: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958). Sanitised version of Tennessee Williams's steamy stageplay. Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman (9804084) **2.35** Shopping (9396539)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Drolbee Time (67699) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6508767) **7.15** Pastagums (6381748) **7.30** Casper and Friends (14019) **8.00** Pingu (7378854) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7368477) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2941800) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (55106) **9.00** Bobby's World (7712274) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (9112729) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (81293) **10.30** Radio Detectives (78670) **11.00** Chuckle Club (36545) **11.30** Zazoo U (37274) **12.00** Hour of Power (69922) **12.30pm** Swamp Thing (93477) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (27583) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (92748) **2.00** Barney and Friends (5319) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (8729) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (2293) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8131941) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6332361) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (1293)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (65800) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (15187) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (14456) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (38038) **9.30** Clarissa *Explains It All (64941)* **10.00** *Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (74516)* **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (27922) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (92187) **11.30** Smoggies (93816) **12.00** Nick Faves (18274) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (42729) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (27496) **1.30** Turtles (75274) **2.30** Visionaries (9293) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (8075) **3.30** You Choose (1038) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2895) **4.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (8729) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (5670) **5.30** Dracula (2039) **6.00** Doug (7962) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse (1274)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (3416477) **4.30** The Arctic (3405361) **5.00** British Odd Bods (2056941) **5.50** Sports of the World (1759106) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6604854) **7.00** A Fork in the Road (7200090) **7.30** Earthfile (3406090) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (7226038) **8.30** The Pirates of the Pacific (7205545) **9.00** Hitler — The Final Chapter (1956458) **10.00** On the Big Hill (7891816) **10.30** Terra X (7800564) **11.00-12.00** Flesh and Blood (7134748)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: All the Way Up (1970). Comedy about a social climbing father. With Warren Mitchell, Richard Briers (2599854) **2.00** thirtysomething (2587019) **3.00** My Three Sons (7212835) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3424496) **4.00** FILM: The Beggar's Opera (1952): Peter Brook's version of John Gay's opera with *Laurence Olivier (7216651)* **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3413380) **6.30** I Spy (7530019) **7.30** The Man From Interpol (3400616) **8.00** thirtysomething (1963748) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3883125) **9.30** FILM. Sweeney (1977): Scotland Yard's Flying Squad uncovers a conspiracy against the government (7179485) **11.30-12.00** The Green Hornet (2575274)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4526564) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3174941) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8892293) **8.55** Delia Smith (2195106) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (2657534) **9.30** Now You See It (7300458) **10.00** Trivia Trap (6075354) **10.30** Crosswits (9783390) **11.00** Definition (4001212) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1360545) **12.30pm** *Everyday Yoga (2321038)* **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7551941) **1.30** Family Affairs (7303545) **2.00** Agony Hour (5625813) **3.00** Living Magazine (9482212) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81282274) **4.00** Infatuation (7061477) **4.30** Definition (7050361) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (4833941) **5.30** Masterchef (7074941) **6.00** FILM: Caddie (1976): Depression-era romance set in Australia. Stars Helen Morse (7034361) **6.00** The Young and the Restless (7035090) **9.00** FILM. Fight for Life. Jerry Lewis and Patty Duke play a couple whose daughter suffers from epilepsy (20511767) **10.50** Enjoy! (7425800) **11.00** Infatuation (4093293) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (8701478)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (4038) **5.30** African Skies (2545) **6.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (9458) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (3038) **7.00** All Clued Up (4274) **7.30** All Together Now (2922) **8.00** Harts of the West (60090) **9.00** Neon Rider (80854) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (60651) **10.30** Newhart (86699) **11.00** Lou Grant (33372) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (88220)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (690591) **8.00** VJ Ingo (292458) **11.00** Soul (25125) **12.00** Greatest Hits (86470) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (71816) **3.00** Sports (4651) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8124651) **3.45** At the Movies (8129106) **4.00** News (3988748) **4.15** 3 from 1 (3901699) **4.30** Dial MTV (3651) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (59545) **7.00** Greatest Hits (80800) **9.00** Guide to Dance Music (45477) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (15699) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (155979) **10.15** At the Movies (549354) **10.30** News (849458) **10.40** 3 from 1 (860941) **11.00** Party Zone (27212) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (11268) **2.00** Night Videos (1610171)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (54125) **7.00** Asian Morning (92922) **8.00** Hindi News (5336) **8.30** Urdu News (3122038) **8.45** English News (3110293) **9.00** Serial (76835) **10.00** Hindi FILM (938748) **1.00pm** New Serial (21309) **1.30** Hindi FILM (848651) **4.30** Kiddie Time (5019) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (9759) **7.00** New Serial (2106) **7.30** Alif Laila (7458) **8.00** English News (489816) **8.15** *Hindi FILM (20970813)* **11.15** *Krishna (636496)* **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9067794) **1.35** Sight and Sound (23519862)

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8.45 Slander (1956): A gossip magazine editor ruins a film star's life (87825106)

10.20 No Leave, No Love (1946). Musical about sailors on leave (29671496)

12.35am The Big Hangover (1950) Melodrama about alcoholism (58027591)

2.10 Remains to be Seen (1953): Murder thriller (48760065). Ends at **5.00**

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Fifa ban signals end of Maradona's career

Maradona: suspended

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE brilliant but often turbulent career of Diego Maradona appeared to have ended in disgrace yesterday when the Argentina captain was banned from football for 15 months after testing positive for drugs at the World Cup finals in the United States.

The decision by Fifa, the world governing body of football, makes it highly unlikely that the most exciting player of his generation, who will be 34 years and 11 months when his suspension is completed, will be able to return to top-class football.

Maradona tested positive for five stimulants, including ephedrine, after a first-round match in Boston against Nigeria, which Argentina won 2-1. The Fifa World Cup organising committee, which met in Zurich, also fined Maradona SwFr20,000 (about £9,918), a sum that is unlikely to worry the multi-millionaire midfield player.

The length of the suspension, which started from the day he gave the positive drug sample, is the same as that of the ban he received when he was found to have taken cocaine in 1991.

The committee, which was chaired by Guillermo Canedo, of Mexico, reached a unanimous decision. Julio Grondona, the president of the Argentinian football association who is a member of the committee, was present but did not vote. Guido Tognoni, the Fifa press officer, said Grondona had taken "a different standpoint", but there was "nothing to hide in this judgment".

Fifa barred Daniel Cerrini, Maradona's dietician, from having any involvement in football while the player was under suspension and criticised the Argentinian FA for its lack of vigilance over the episode.

Maradona was not present at the meeting and his case was put by Marcos Franchi, his manager, and Daniel Balotnicoff, his lawyer. Balotnicoff said afterwards:"I am very angry and disappointed."

Canedo said: "The motives are something that is very delicate. We took everything into account, all his history."

Sepp Blatter, the Fifa secretary-general, said it would make public the reasons for the judgments once it had written to all the parties involved. Under Fifa regulations, no appeal can be lodged.

At the World Cup, Maradona denied having taken drugs but both samples taken were found to contain prohibited substances.

The Argentinian, who led his country to victory at the 1986 tournament, had been due to play a record 22nd game in the World Cup finals on the day his suspension is effective from. Argentina withdrew Maradona from the competition and Fifa suspended him from all football activities until it could convene a meeting.

Even for the controversial career of Maradona, that included the infamous "Hand of God" goal against England during the 1986 World Cup, and multi-million pound transfers to Barcelona, Napoli and Sevilla, this has been an exceptional year.

In February, he fired an airgun at reporters, who had besieged his home in Argentina after he was sacked by his club, Newell's Old Boys. Four journalists were wounded. This month he was formally charged with the offence which, if he is found guilty, carries a maximum two-year prison sentence.

Fifa also announced yesterday that before the next World Cup finals, to be held in 1998 in France, it would draw up a framework for punishing players using drugs. Tognoni said: "At the moment, we have a wide range of possible sanctions but we need more certainty in future. We know we should be more precise next time."

Only three people have tested positive for drugs in the history of the World Cup. They included one player from the United Kingdom, Willie Johnston, of Scotland. In 1978, he was sent home from the finals in Argentina and subsequently received a 12-month suspension for taking a stimulant.

In another decision yesterday, Fifa rejected an appeal by the Italian defender, Mauro Tassotti, against an eight-match international ban, almost certainly ending his international career.

The AC Milan player, who broke a Spanish opponent's nose with his elbow at the World Cup finals last month, had appealed against the severity of the punishment, but Fifa, which handed down the ban using video evidence for the first time, said the suspension reflected the severity of the injury to Luis Enrique.

Tassotti was found guilty of having elbowed Enrique in the face in the quarter-final between Italy and Spain. He was subsequently given the heaviest ban in World Cup history and fined $15,000.

IAN STEWART

Mark Foster, the world short-course champion at 50 metres freestyle, catches his breath after his gold medal-winning swim over that distance in the Commonwealth Games in Victoria. His team-mate, Martin Harris, won the 100 metres backstroke title to cap a successful day in the pool for England's swimmers. Report, page 38

Golden days lie ahead for Jackson

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN VICTORIA

LINFORD Christie and Colin Jackson left here yesterday having successfully defended their Commonwealth Games titles and with the hardest part of their season over. The assignments ahead will be taken seriously by them,but, no matter what happens now, they will enter 1995 as the undisputed world No 1 athletes in their events.

Jackson has more incentive than Christie to keep his form going. He said at the beginning of the summer that one of his main targets for the season in the 110 metres hurdles was to complete it undefeated. He remains on course to do so, having won his 13 races. During the course of that sequence, he has collected his second European championship and Commonwealth Games gold medals.

Furthermore, Jackson is one of only two athletes in contention for a share of 20kg of gold, the prize to be split among those athletes who win their events at each of the so-called "golden four" meetings of Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. He is also well-placed to become the overall International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix champion and, if successful, he would become the first Briton to take that honour.

Should be succeed on all fronts, Jackson would earn some £350,000 from the grand prix circuit this season. The Berlin meeting takes place next Tuesday, but, before that, Jackson will compete in Rieti, Italy, on Sunday. There are no complaints from the Welsh team management that Jackson has not stayed to run in the 4 x 100 metres relay.

Christie's schedule includes races in Rieti, Berlin, Paris — for the grand prix final — Sheffield, Crystal Palace — for the World Cup — and Tokyo. "I am not exhausted yet," Christie said after winning the 100 metres here, "but by the time I come back from Japan I might be."

Christie's victory was achieved with the second-fastest legal time of his life, 9.91sec, a Commonwealth Games record. At 34, way past the normal age of retirement for sprinters, he has achieved enough this season to convince him that he can win at the world championships, in Gothenburg next year, at the age of 35.

There has been no global championship for Christie this season, but he has won everything he has wanted to with something in hand. He was a metre clear of the field on Tuesday, his powerful running over the latter half taking him to his second sub-10sec run this season. His first had been in the semi-finals during the morning. He was only 0.04sec slower than the European record he set in winning the world title in Stuttgart last year.

The surprise was that the silver medal went to Horace Dove-Edwin, of Sierra Leone, in 10.02sec. His previous best had been 10.14sec and he was his country's first winner of a championship sprint medal. Dove-Edwin and his team-mates refused to march in the opening ceremony because Sierra Leone did not provide them with uniforms and they did not wish to be shown up by the smartness of others. Instead, he watched it on television. The team attache, though, has found him a uniform for the closing ceremony and Dove-Edwin has agreed to turn out.

The shortage of funding for athletics in Sierra Leone means that he has suffered from a shortage of international competition. "It is interesting to listen to Linford talking about how busy be is going to be," Dove-Edwin said. "I don't have a next race to go to." As a 10.02sec runner, that ought to change now as the offers come in from the grand prix promoters.

After three days of intense activity on the track, there is a relative lull today. The only events taking place are the men's 30km walk and the women's 10km walk.

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Swimmers' success, page 38
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Edwards awaits test confirmation

PAUL Edwards, Britain's No 1 shot-putter, who has allegedly failed a drugs test, was still in hospital in Victoria yesterday and had not been withdrawn from competition in the Commonwealth Games (John Goodbody writes). A hospital spokesman said that Edwards might be discharged today after treatment for a severe stomach complaint, which has caused his weight to drop by 23lb from his usual 20st.

There was no confirmation yesterday that Edwards had recorded a positive test at the European championships earlier this month, although he said yesterday that he had been told by Alan Lindop, the England team manager, that "something was wrong" with the sample he gave in Helsinki. Edwards also denied that he had taken any prohibited substances.

Sebastian Coe, twice the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, spoke yesterday of "deeply depressing news" about drugs: "We have a problem, it is clear," he said. "We have had a problem in the past and I am afraid there will always be people at the margin who choose to cheat. We should not run away with the view that the whole of British sport is tainted by one or two people. What we have to do is weed them out and penalties have got to be harsh."

Miller considers uncertain future

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

DESOLATION does tend to produce candour. Having seen his team eliminated from the Uefa Cup by Skonto Riga, the champions of Latvia, Willie Miller, the Aberdeen manager, readily accepts that his job is in jeopardy. His side must now get their hands on a trophy this season if he is now to hold on to his post.

A resounding silence may be almost as much of a threat to a manager as the infamous "vote of confidence". Miller will therefore have drawn little comfort from the refusal of the Aberdeen chairman, Ian Donald, to comment. "If a trophy is not won, I have to accept that I may have to face the consequences," he said.

Such is the pressure on Miller that he could lack time to provide that piece of propitiation. Aberdeen travel to Glasgow on Tuesday for a Coca-Cola Cup tie against Partick Thistle and defeat there might spark mutiny and calls for change from the support.

Miller appreciates the impact of the popular mood, for it was just such a groundswell that brought him to power at Pittodrie in February, 1992. His predecessor, Alex Smith, had won both of Scotland's domestic Cup competitions two seasons earlier, but the crowd demanded his replacement. All the same, it is not just the atavistic impulses of the audience that now puts Miller's job in jeopardy.

On Tuesday, his decisions were disastrous. Needing to win the tie, after a 0-0 draw in Riga, he left strikers such as Eoin Jess and Duncan Shearer on the bench and adopted a conservative 3-5-2 formation. When the winger, Joe Miller, was finally brought on, the manager removed a centre-half, Brian Irvine, instead of one of the batch of midfielders. Skonto exploited the gap in defence to plunder a goal. Aberdeen equalised in injury time, but the 1-1 score still saw the Latvians win the preliminary round tie on the away goals rule.

Any representative sample of first-team players at Pittodrie ought, in theory, to be capable of brushing aside Skonto Riga. The inability to do so on Tuesday therefore suggests a club in extreme disorder. It should be of deep concern to the management, directors and even the Scotland coach, Craig Brown, that the development of young players such as Jess and Scott Booth appears to have stalled.

Miller, whose previous experience had been acquired as a reserve team coach, has been treated patiently by the board while he learned his trade. Yesterday, the manager was understandably eager to discuss the strength that can be forged in adversity, but the reaction of a club's board to the bad times will always be more prosaic. The directors at Pittodrie are left to ponder both the heavy transfer market investment they have made and the lucrative European income that has now been lost.

Unhappy Kinnear, page 35.

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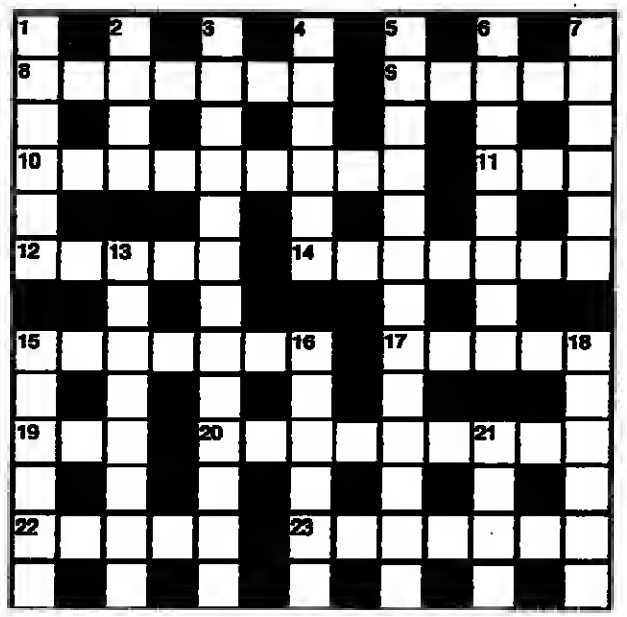

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ACROSS
8 Saint who settles forty days' weather (7)
9 To presage (5)
10 Relating to voters (9)
11 Pale (3)
12 Small computer (5)
14 Revoltingly sentimental (7)
15 Gives milk to (7)
17 Doglike scavenger (5)
19 Light meal (3)
20 Cooks (eggs); encodes (9)
22 Was very cold (5)
23 Nightclub steward (7)

DOWN
1 Hold in regard (6)
2 Precise; pleasant (4)
3 Loud portable radio (6-7)
4 Irish county extending north of Belfast (6)
5 Grim, ironical joking (7,6)
6 Albumen (3-5)
7 Soak (6)
13 Crested Antipodean parrot (8)
15 Start (journey); complement (3,3)
16 Copyist (6)
18 Take up; engross (6)
21 Positions (in text: of point satisfying equation) (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 249

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By Raymond Keene

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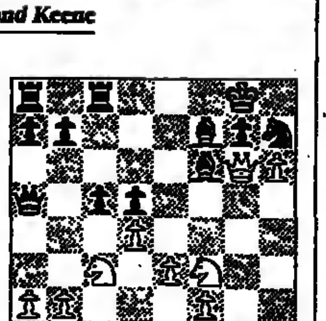

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By Philip Howard

MAHOITRE
a. A pustule
b. Shoulder pads
c. Fan-bearer

PADKOS
a. Packed lunch
b. Evergreen
c. Child-rearing

SCREEF
a. Gaelic ritual
b. A racing yacht
c. Vegetation

DAH
a. A Russian consortium
b. Wet nurse
c. Sword or dagger

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